



ENROLLMENT

College's population steadily increasing

Campus gender ratio shows women outnumber men by 12 percent

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri Southern's enrollment continues to show signs of revitalizing after dipping below 6,000 students in 1992.

The 5,485 students enrolled represents a 4.3 percent increase from a year ago.

Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, attributed the enrollment increase to the college's enhanced international mission.

"I think the focus has gotten the attention of parents, students, and high school counselors, as well as the community," Honey said. "The brilliance of our approach is the fact that we are sending students abroad, not just bringing in international students."

Honey said her office had noticed an enrollment increase during the summer and was pleased to see it hold true on the Sept. 19 census date. She said she has seen the impact international experiences have.

"The new international institute will give us the opportunity to grab someone's attention," she said. "It gives us a uniqueness. Having that little edge is certainly a plus."

College President Julio Leon also attributed the increase to the international mission and to the cost of education at Southern.

"We expected the increase," said. "All indications are that the new international mission and the renewed intellectual vigor of the institution are attracting the attention of more and more students, parents, and counselors."

"I think that in this day of increasing college costs, people realize that they can obtain a high quality university education here at a reasonable cost. We think our enrollment will continue to grow."

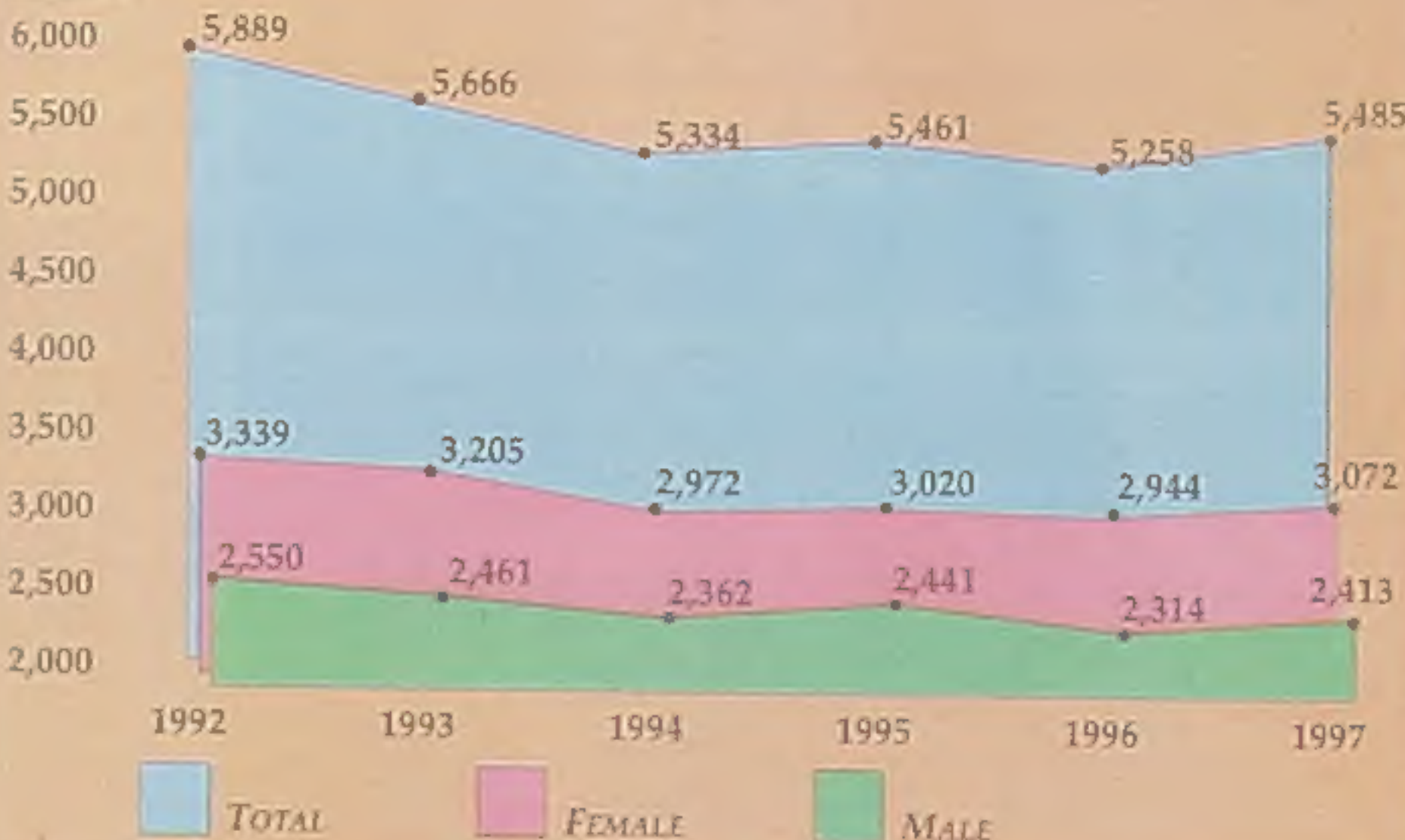
Honey said a larger pool of high school seniors in the state has added to the increase. She also said the cost of tuition at Southern helps many students decide to come here.

"A lot of people come because it's close and because of the cost," she said. "But then they find out they like it here. It's really half bargain and half quality of education."

Again Southern is seeing more female students than males across the campus. Enrollment numbers show 56 percent of the students enrolled at Missouri Southern are female. According to Honey, since 1992 females have occupied between 55 and 57 percent of Southern's student population. Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing, said watching the change in enrollment trends has been interesting.

"In the late 1980s it was pretty close to completely opposite," Gipson said. "This is almost a complete turnaround from 10 to 20 years ago."

Growing again



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

STUDENT LIFE BEAT

After lunch the kids go down for naps, so it's a little quieter.



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

When reading time comes Ashlea Norman and Cody Gilmore, both 4, listen closely to Amber Tankersley, Missouri Southern's child development center director.

Gas stations, Red Rover occupy children at CDC

By SUSIE FRISBIE
STAFF WRITER

And the gas station attendant said, "Ding dong. Come get your gas." Hearing this, one may think they were at a full-service gas station.

However, this is no ordinary service station. This gas station comes equipped with its own miniature plastic gas pump, and its customers are on big wheels.

Missouri Southern's child development center is the location of this make-believe service station.

Southern's child development center, which opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m., offers child care for faculty, staff, and students of the College.

Debbie Starks, a teacher at the center, believes it is beneficial to everyone involved.

"I really enjoy working here," she said. "By involving the whole campus it's much more of a learning process."

Southern graduate Amber Tankersley is the director of the child development center. Tankersley is responsible for a variety of tasks ranging from getting children enrolled to helping the cook with menu planning.

The center staffs three teachers. Dana Forsythe and Starks teach the 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds, while Janet Williams handles the 2-year-olds.

Tankersley believes the teachers at the center deserve much credit.

"The teachers do so many neat things," she said. "We serve breakfast in the morning, and then the teachers do several different small and large group activities with the children throughout the day."

The center serves as a learning place for Southern students as well. Many students, most of whom are education majors, are involved with the center either through a practicum or work-study.

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EDUCATIONAL LAW

Child support bill changes rules

Parents still pay tuition, but burden now on pupil

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

Some changes in Missouri's laws add a new twist to the complicated turns associated with child support payments.

On June 30, in an emergency act, a change in the law places the burden of receiving support from a non-custodial parent directly on dependents ages 18 to 23. Students wishing to continue child support past the age 18 must now enroll in 12

hours or more, make grades sufficient to enroll again, and submit copies of their transcripts to both parents.

Joplin attorney Matt Adrian said the new wording definitely requires the students to comply.

"It states the child shall submit, with the wording 'shall' as being a mandatory term," he said. "Ignorance of the law is no excuse."

Jim Gilbert, director of student financial assistance at Missouri Southern, believes the law may affect fewer than 200 students at the College, or fewer than 1 percent of the student body.

"The law, as it comes out, has not been tested yet," he said. "It may be thrown out

in the first court case. The key issue is, if the student doesn't have any financial aid and doesn't have any way of paying tuition and this is the only method of them going to school, then I think the case and law is going to be much more important."

Wesley Thorn, enforcement supervisor for the Division of Child Support Enforcement, wants students to be aware of the new law because they "don't want anyone to miss out on their child support." While the division avoids making interpretations of the law, he offers some advice to students.

"Students can find information in the law

TURN TO SUPPORT, PAGE 2

ASSESSMENT

Study finds Southern students satisfied

Satisfied customers

On a five-point scale Missouri Southern students ranked their satisfaction with the College very high in a poll that compared all 13 four-year public colleges and universities in the state.

	US	ALL
Quality of program of study	4.11	3.91
Class size	4.27	3.92
Quality of instruction	3.96	3.74
Faculty respect for students	3.96	3.72
Concern for student as an individual	3.89	3.49
Quality of academic advising	3.71	3.40
Availability of faculty for office appointments	3.92	3.71
Informal contact with faculty in nonacademic settings	3.67	3.42
Library/learning resources center services	3.92	3.73
Student access to computer facilities and services	3.76	3.69
Transfer of course credits from other colleges to this college	3.49	3.46
College response to nontraditional students	3.91	3.56
Variety of courses offered	3.59	3.47
Career planning services	3.58	3.45
Job placement services	3.62	3.30
The college in general	3.98	3.77

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

College graduation is commonly a time to look back on academic achievements. According to three recent student assessments, Missouri Southern students will be reflecting on better memories than most.

In two independent surveys, Southern students reported a greater level of satisfaction with selected facets of their collegiate experiences than did their counterparts at other colleges and universities in the state.

An ACT survey of state colleges and universities in 1996 lists Southern students consistently reporting higher levels of satisfaction with campus culture and personnel than students from other institutions of higher learning on the state and national level.

Survey areas included classroom facilities, instruction, major field of study, and opportunities for student employment.

The ACT survey conclusions mirror a similar study conducted by Missouri's Coordinating Board for Higher Education in 1993, the results of which clearly indicate Southern held an advantage over other Missouri state colleges and universities.

Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, believes the high level of student satisfaction is due, at least in part, to the size of the College.

"I think it is because of the way we handle people," she said.

"The faculty know one another across campus. We are still small enough that we have a low faculty-to-student ratio."

Honey says many decisions made by the administration are a result of these surveys.

"One of the things the assessment does is tell us what to change and what we are doing right," she said. "We treat the students in a way that [makes] them feel valuable."

Stephanie White, a 1995 Southern sociology graduate, says student interaction with instructors was a key factor in her decision to attend the College.

"I liked the fact that the classrooms were small and I actually met my professors," she said. "It's more of a student-oriented school."

U.S. News & World Report conducted a recent survey as well, focusing on graduating student debt loads. Southern was ranked ninth among other regional liberal arts colleges for the least amount of debt incurred by graduates.

White, who has since gone on to graduate school at Arizona State University, says Southern's "extremely reasonable" prices are easily overlooked until compared with other colleges.

"[Southern] has always been a good deal compared with other schools," she said. "It's easy to forget about it until you have to pay \$7,000 a semester to go somewhere else."

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BROADCASTING

Losure visits Southern

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Former CNN prime-time anchor Bob Losure will make a return visit to Missouri Southern Wednesday.

He will give a public presentation in Webster Hall auditorium at 11 a.m.

"We are excited to have him visit again," said Judy Stiles, general manager of KGCS-TV. "We just found out he was definitely coming, and everything is getting pulled together quickly."

Losure stopped on campus in November 1995 to share his work and life experiences, Stiles said.

"We are hoping to draw interested students and faculty from all over campus," she said. "He is very willing to share his experiences with everyone."

Since his last stop at Southern, Losure has held his position as weekend prime-time anchor with CNN. He is currently working in the area of producing industrial and corporate video.

"This is an increasing opportunity for all fields, not just students in

broadcasting," Stiles said. "Anyone who will be in an industrial or commercial arena would benefit from his experiences."

Losure also carries an international travel experience, having toured throughout the world, including trips to Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Germany, Stiles said.

In June he was the keynote speaker at the International Association, and last year he was a speaker at the International convention in South Korea.

SUPPORT: Students have to give parents grade up

From Page 1

library out at Missouri Southern," Thorn said. "They should have a copy of Senate Bill 361. Chapters 452 and 454 deal with the statutes."

He believes the bill is "pretty straightforward," but said students may need to talk with their family

attorney as well. Previously, Thorn said, to continue child support past age 18, a student had only to be enrolled.

"Now, the law specifically gives a number of hours, and a student has to be completing those hours, too," he said. "They can't be slacking out."

Because "some people go to many extremes to avoid child support pay-

ments," Gilbert encourages students to depend on financial aid means to fund their education.

Adrian said most divorce cases are a back and forth arrangement where the obligator parent pays to stop, and the custodial parent continues payments for as long as possible. This change in the law will help the student in the process.

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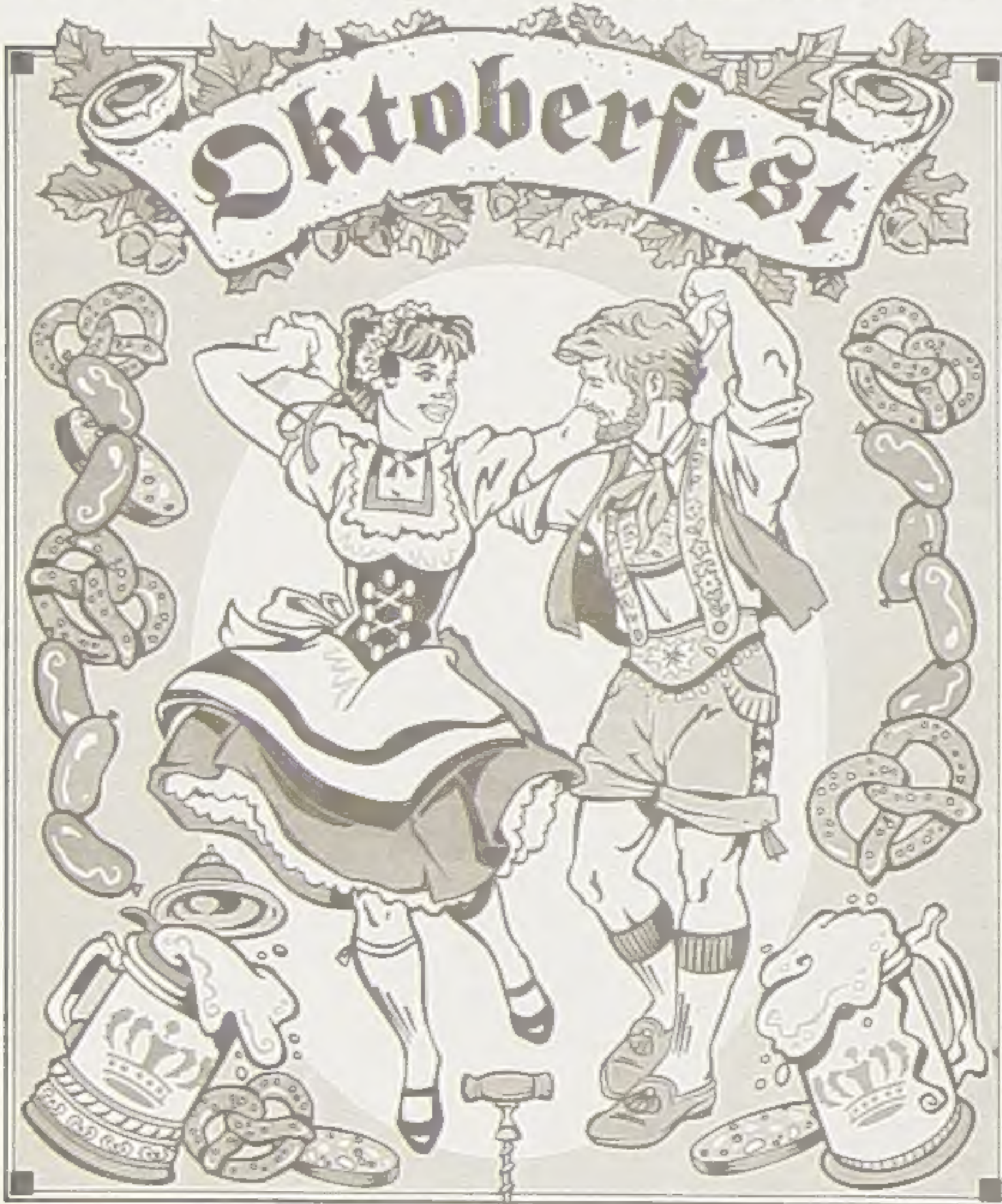
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Southern opens new graduate center

J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For some students at Missouri Southern yet another resource has been made available to them.

The opening of the Graduate Center in Room 109 of Webster Hall has consolidated the locale of the two coordinators for the three master's degree programs offered at Southern by Southwest Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. SMSU offers two programs for graduate

BOARD OF REGENTS

College releases figures

TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The College's enrollment is up, but not so much as to put a burden on existing facilities, said College President Leon to the Board of Regents (Sept. 19).

The official census was conducted on the last day of the fourth week of classes. Leon presented the figures to the Board.

"Our numbers are up 4.3 percent," he said. "That is a very nice increase in enrollment. But it is also a reasonable increase, because it allows us to still use the facilities."

An increase of 5 or 6 percent would put stress on the institution and faculty," Leon explained.

Leon also showed the Board the results of a national ACT student opinion survey in which Missouri Southern students indicate they are more satisfied with the education they are receiving than students at other colleges and universities.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education conducted a similar survey reporting that employers and students were pleased with the College. A *U.S. News & World Report* article listed Southern in the top 20 schools where graduates leave with the least amount of accumulated debt, Leon said.

"It is another indication a student who comes to Missouri Southern to gain a quality education at a very reasonable cost," Leon said.

The College's annual budget request was also addressed by Leon.

When it was presented to CBHE, Leon said he saw every indication it would recommend the approval of the third phase of funding for the international mission at Southern.

"It does appear, though, as if capital improvement funding will be in the air," Leon said.

Leon said he thought the Barnhart and Unmel Technology Building projects would be recommended. Beyond that, he said other concerns around the state would have to be factored into the decision.

Construction report by Dr. John DeLoe, senior vice president, noted the Justice Center addition was staying on schedule. The house project is in the preliminary stages with the soil being tested for stability, he said.

The Board heard a presentation by Eileen Godsey, director of Learning Center.

She gave a brief history of how the Learning Center has evolved since its inception in the fall of 1995.

Godsey also explained the various services the center offers to Southern students. Advising and counseling, tutoring, writing and academic skills improvement, disability services, and a computer lab are the major offerings to students at the Learning Center.

When the meeting adjourned, the president walked across campus and took a tour of Webster Hall.

students on the Southern campus, a master's in business administration and a master's in elementary education.

UMKC's graduate course work is in nursing.

Erv Langan and Anita Singleton are the coordinators for SMSU and UMKC, respectively. Langan is the former head of military science at Southern, and Singleton is an associate professor of nursing at the College.

"This is just so much more accessible to have everything in one building," Singleton said.

Singleton's office used to be in Kuhn Hall with the rest of the nursing program, but because of the telecommunications aspect of the graduate courses, Webster was used. Singleton and Langan moved into their new digs after the transformation of a classroom into offices was completed in late August.

"The students all know exactly where to find me," Singleton said.

SMSU is not using the telecommunications as much this semester as it will in the spring, but Diana Garland, interim director of academic outreach, said having a centrally located Graduate Center is a plus.

"Erv is there to assist student needs as those come about," she said. "He can also find out the kinds of things SMSU can be doing."

"I think it's going to be a real beneficial."

SMSU is offering 13 classes for either the MBA or education program this fall and will offer 14 in the spring.

The nursing graduate program has about 35 students in it and just

graduated its first class last spring.

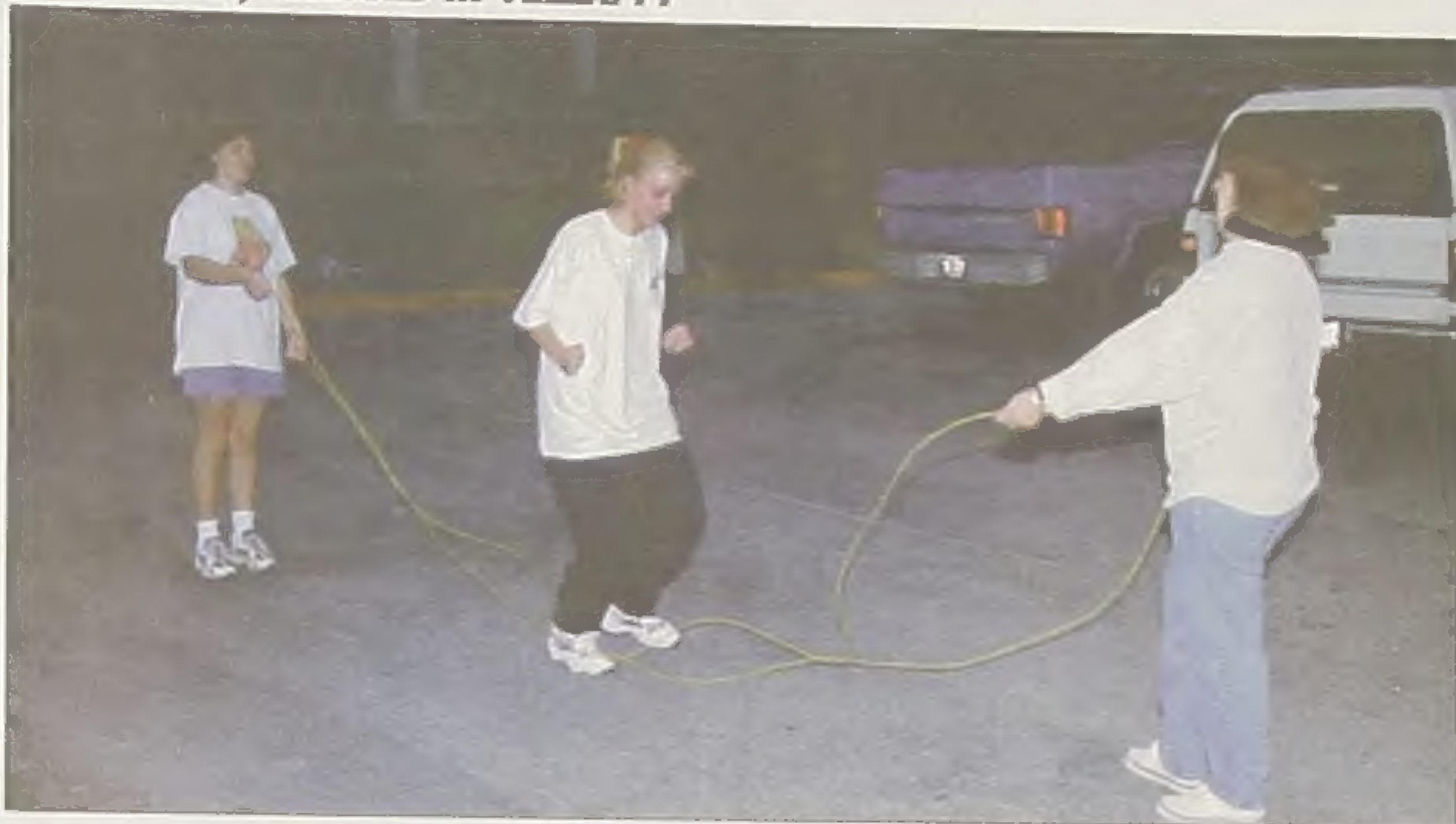
"We're seeing a lot of students travel in from great distances, like Oklahoma City, Wichita, and Arkansas," Singleton said. "At this point in time most of the students going are Missouri Southern graduates."

Both Garland and Singleton said they would like to see both universities add more graduate programs at Southern.

"I would think this is the way of the future," Singleton said.

"It's certainly a wise way of conserving our resources." □

CINDERELLA, DRESSED IN YELLA...



Practicing their double dutch skills in the parking lot outside Taylor Hall earlier this week are: (from left) Amanda Sloan, sophomore special education major, Heather Garner, sophomore special education major, and Kelly Avise, sophomore special education major.

FORENSICS



Members of the recently restored debate and forensics squad at Missouri Southern are: (from left) Sam Cook, freshman secondary education major; Tim Parrish, freshman criminal justice major; Joe Day, freshman communications major; and Becca Cassidy, secondary education major.

Squad returns after year hiatus

Southern alumnus, Gilstrap returns to school as adviser to speech and debate team

By BRIAN PALMER
AFF WRITER

After taking a year hiatus, debate has returned to Missouri Southern with a new director and a new weapon for research.

The new director is Curt Gilstrap, a 1995 Southern graduate, and he has brought forensics of all types to Southern.

"I've tried to take what we have with all the debaters that we pulled in and also create a forensics squad," he said. "So, basically, it's a forensics squad rather than a debate squad. I think it's a little more organic than it used to be."

The squad is currently preparing for a tournament Oct. 3-4 at Southwest Baptist University, as well as two larger tournaments in October in Kansas City and St. Louis.

Gilstrap is "actively seeking" more students for the forensics program. Those interested should contact him at his office in Webster Hall by calling 625-3196, or simply 3196 on campus, to set up an interview.

"I would ask a number of questions including, of course, their background, the motive behind their interest, and any type of goals they have," Gilstrap said.

To aid those in the program, the forensics squad procured a donation from Jim Malcolm in the tune of

\$4,320 to pay for a subscription to Lexis-Nexis. The subscription allows access to a number of databases and a world of information.

"It covers a broad spectrum, and the important thing is that it's full text," said Charles Kemp, head librarian.

"If you want to know everything that Bill Clinton's said on a particular subject, you can look it up. If you want to know what Ross Perot has said about a particular subject, you can find it."

And it doesn't stop there. The databases are broken down by subject, and one can access databases for newspapers, magazines, news services, and a variety of others. Several different subjects ranging from international taxes to medicine are also covered.

"And, it's pretty current," Kemp said. "That's the main advantage to the businesses and the fields that [Lexis-Nexis] cater[s] to."

The service is popular across the nation, not only because it is so comprehensive, but also because it constantly expands, including new databases almost every month.

This service is not restricted to the forensics squad, however.

"We have the primary number because of the donation to us, but we sent it through the library so they got the secondary," Gilstrap said. "I think that's something relatively decent for the communications department to give research capability to the entire campus."

Kemp is also grateful for the donation.

"This was really a very beneficial gift to us," he said. "I can't say enough positive things about Mr. Malcolm and his donation." □

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Vote fills Senate vacancies

By AARON DESLATTIE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After the votes were cast and the ballot boxes emptied, two gaping holes remained in the freshman student seating Sept. 10. Nine representatives from each class are needed to fill the 36 Senate seats, but a three-way tie for the final two freshmen spots prolonged the issue.

With a speedy resolution planned, the Missouri Southern Student Senate held its first business meeting of the semester Wednesday. The tie was decided by a majority vote of the Senate with Nicole Hollenberg and Jessica George claiming the vacant seats.

George says her "people skills" gave her the edge.

"I think [I won] because of my good personality," she said. "I like to meet people."

But the freshmen seats weren't the only vacancies to be filled; applications for a student regent were also accepted.

Every two years a student senator is chosen to act as a liaison between the Senate and the Board of Regents. Three choices for this student regent position will be selected by the Senate officers and submitted to Gov. Mel Carnahan sometime this week. Carnahan will make the final decision, which is expected to be announced by November. Once chosen, the student regent will take over the position on Jan. 1, 1998, and serve for two years.

The final item of discussion involved preparing for fund allocations. The Student Senate will begin hearing funding requests from student organizations for next week. Two organizations will begin vying for chunks of the \$12,245 Student Senate has been allotted to hand out. Ground rules for the proceedings were laid out. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Film festival set to begin second annual program

The epic film from Poland, *Man of Marble*, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall Auditorium on the Missouri Southern campus.

This is the second program in the annual International Film Festival presented by the Southern Film Society. Financial assistance for this project is provided by the Institute of International Studies and the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Man of Marble is the story of a student who wants to make her graduation film about a bricklayer who becomes a celebrity in the Stalinist 1950s as part of the government's efforts to create labor heroes as an incentive to the working class.

Being a bright and courageous girl, she is astonished at the many obstacles and difficulties she has to overcome in order to learn the whole truth about the forgotten idol. The television managers even intervene in order to stop her. In spite of this she does manage to present the complete biography of the man.

Directed by Andrzej Wajda, *Man of Marble* is one of the key films to come out of eastern Europe during the 1970s. Wajda created a very detailed, ambivalent, and strongly emotional picture of the development of his country during the post-war years. Film archivist Rob Edelman labeled the film as a "compelling, controversial, and brilliantly directed tale.... Wajda celebrates the role of filmmaker as a speaker of the truth; ironically, the film's finale, an explanation of the bricklayer's fate, was excised by the Polish censors."

Season tickets for the remaining nine programs in the International Film Festival are \$10 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and students. Single admission is \$1.50 and \$1. Season passes are available through the Southern ticket office, Billingsly Student Center Room 112, 625-9366. □

Art students prepare exhibit at Spiva Gallery

Ten Missouri Southern art students who spent their summer in Sweden will present an exhibit of drawings at Spiva Art Gallery.

The exhibit opens Monday and continues through Oct. 20 on Southern's campus. An opening reception for the artists is scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday.

Last summer, the students studied Scandinavian art forms and techniques at the Mallsjö Folkhögskola in Mullsjö, Sweden. Southern art department faculty member Val Christensen accompanied the students.

The exhibit also will feature block relief prints by Mark Schmidt, senior studio art major, who received a student research grant to study at Frogman's Print and Paper Workshop in Beresford, S.D. Schmidt studied with New York artist Bill Fick. □

Mallinckrodt Award given to radiology grad

Sharilyn Lane, senior radiologic tech major, recently received the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence as a graduate of the Missouri Southern radiology program.

Graduation ceremonies were held recently at St. John's Regional Medical Center, Joplin.

The Mallinckrodt Award is given to the most outstanding student graduating from the program. Students in the program, radiographers and staff of St. John's, and doctors in the radiology department select the recipient.

A maximum of six students each year are admitted into the program. Graduates become radiologic technologists, or radiographers. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Old car looks like something left by Mustang

The gods must be crazy. (Car) gods, that is. Several months ago, *The Chart's* founding automotive editor, Leslie Roberts, made public the torment I've suffered at the hands of these so-called car gods. On Valentine's Day, my 1991 Mitsubishi Galant died of severe engine trauma after sharing only six months of my life with me.

Now, I am the proud owner of a 1986 Ford Mustang (my first domestic vehicle). Some would tell me my problems should now be solved. Wrong answer, I am sad to report; my life is still haunted. Unfortunately, the Galant was not the first of my automobiles to suffer because of ill-will held toward me by the gods.

I once owned a 1984 Nissan Maxima wagon, fully loaded, as far as 1984 standards go. This car was ugly. Let me repeat that, this car was U-G-L-Y.

We affectionately, and reverently, referred to this two-toned brown car as the "Turd-mobile."

This grocery-getter served me well most of the time. It got good gas mileage, and I could throw my fast-food wrappers in the back and forget about them. A good wholesome car.

One problem, for it to run longer than two weeks in a time, sacrifices needed to be made at the altar. Which sacrifices and which altar, I never quite figured out.

The gods really must have enjoyed teasing me with this car. The wagon would die, and just when I would lose hope of fixing it, realizing it was not worth the time, money, or effort to fix it, and finally submit to the idea of buying a new car, instantly the wagon was alive and ready for more action. Of course, this series was only to be repeated again, and again, and again, and ...

Now, the current car, the American-made car, the flagship of Ford Motor Company, my Mustang.

I can't really complain about the Mustang; it was a gift from my loving family.

They have taken care of me during my times of automotive depression. Unfortunately, they cannot comprehend the difficulties I've had with the automotive deities.

Recently, I have suffered a flat tire, I have replaced the radiator, and am currently ready to replace the heater core.

Does anybody want to sell an old BMX?

I do have happy news to report: the streak of bad luck has expanded from my person to cover some other members of *The Chart* staff.

Two weeks ago, my roommate and esteemed editor-in-chief, Jake Griffin, looked on in disbelief as his beloved Nissan (affectionately called Turd Jr. after my deceased wagon) suffered the same ill fate as my Galant.

Teresa Bland, co-director of photography, is suffering from a punctured oil pan.

Last spring, former colleague Stephanie Goad went out to her car only to find the front quarter panel smashed in.

Associate editor Deborah Solomon has been replacing miscellaneous parts in her car over and over again for the last six months.

So, I'm happy; I'm not cursed. The gods have not singled me out as the only mere mortal to pick on. They've chosen a few others. ☐



Nick Parker
Managing Editor

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OUR EDITORIAL

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Southern: How sweet it is

It seems Missouri Southern's President Julio Leon summed up the enrollment situation pretty nicely at the Board of Regents meeting Friday.

"I think that in this day and age of increasing college costs, people realize that they can obtain here a high quality university education at a reasonable cost," Leon said after the enrollment numbers showed a spurt of 227 students over last fall's enrollment.

This is an excellent buy for the penny a student puts down. This College can boast some of the premiere programs in the state. The education department is consistently ranked among the very best. The international emphasis was arguably the best idea to come out of the state's mission enhancement program. The criminal justice program is a shining star for this entire region. The school of business graduates some of the most highly touted recruits in the area.

It should come as no surprise that students of this college

are satisfied with what they are receiving in return for their pennies.

Except for the few small potholes along the way, Southern's road to graduation is much smoother than some schools in this very state that have major speed bumps every semester.

All in all, everyone should be happy to be associated with this college. All 3,072 women attending classes and their 2,413 male counterparts should be happy.

Even if that does mean longer lines at the women's restroom, soap operas on all campus televisions, and lack of any soda other than diet.

These are jokes, of course. Stereotypes of women that have existed for years.

With the abundance of women on campus, it's nice to see that during the course of the 1990s women have begun to take advantage of all the opportunities available to them. So in a few years, we can make up new stereotypes.

Legislating family values

Chalk another one up for the bad guys. In their infinite wisdom, the politicians of this state have decided to make it even harder for college students receiving child support to get to that money.

As if it isn't bad enough, they already have to worry about whether child support payments are coming every month. Now, they have to show proof to non-custodial parents that they should still receive the funds while in college.

There should be no doubt that these students should receive the funds while in college.

Up to age 22, students can have their non-custodial parents continue child support payments as a means to pay for college.

That apparently has been the status quo for some time, but not nearly advertised enough.

Now, because some horrible excuse for a parent complained to his legislator about not knowing if the money was being used for education and whether his child was even

passing his classes, the burden of gamering these funds has been placed squarely on the shoulders of the child.

As if it isn't already difficult for most families to get child support from the non-custodial parent, the legislators have made it harder.

What kind of sick, demented lobby pulled for this bill? What kind of sick, demented legislator voted for it? And for the love of God, why did Gov. Carnahan sign it?

Well, by the looks of the bill, it seems it fell victim to what many bills do when they are introduced as legislation — excess baggage. Something was either tacked on as an enticement or compromise, and the bill, which has some merits, became marred with this certain piece of textual tripe. Whatever compromise was made to warrant the passing of this legislation should merit the public flogging of both parties for their incompetence.

This bill was not the legislative process in action; rather, it was the legislative process inaction. ☐

IN PERSPECTIVE

Suckle sweet bitterness of life's lemons

My favorite movie is *On the River Kwai*, which received three Oscars for Best Picture, Best Actor (James Stewart), and Best Director (David Lean).

The story is about a group of soldiers who are sent to a Japanese prisoner of war camp during World War II. Immediately after arriving at the camp, the Japanese commanding officer addresses the troops. He explains to the prisoners what he expects them to do, and how he expects them to behave while under his jurisdiction.

Envision a group of soldiers, defeated, tired, hungry, hurt. The commanding officer's final words in this initial address are to "be happy in your work."

Be happy in your work? Who's kidding? We are prisoners of war in the middle of a jungle, 1,000 miles away from home.

Be happy in your work? Who's kidding? I have papers to write, to take, due dates to meet, projects to see, presentations to make.

Be happy in your work? Who's kidding? I have classes to prepare papers to evaluate, exams to grade, committee meetings to attend, to see!

Be happy in your work? Who's kidding?

I have faulty welfare concerns, confront, curricula to develop, policy to develop, budget crises to solve.

All of us in the campus community have responsibilities that, if we are careful, can evolve into problem-solving. A negative attitude, can produce sad countenance, can result in ineffectiveness. Rather than being negative, why not be happy in your work? assume that everyone has at least heard of the Ten Commandments.

Here are the Ten Commandments for Happy Living.

1. The Golden Rule. Treat others the way that you wish to be treated.

2. Honesty. Do what is right, is just, to everyone.

3. Serve. The best way to please a smile on your face is to see a smile on another person because you helped them.

4. Wholeheartedness. Whatever you do, work at it with all of your heart.

5. Forgiveness. Always forgive, regardless of what someone did to you.

6. A New Day. Do not go to bed angry, every day is wonderful, every day is a new day.

7. Return Good. Return good for evil, in other words, "kill 'em with kindness."

8. Thanksgiving. Give thanks in all circumstances.

9. Love. Do everything in love.

10. Be Happy in Your Work. Be the slot machine of life comes lemons, make lemonade!

Do yourself a favor, try the Ten Commandments for Happy Living week.

See what happens to your course, your life, your work.

Remember when you have papers to write, students to see, budget crises to solve, BE HAPPY IN YOUR WORK.

THE CHART

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MIMS program offers marketability

Accounting among
classes emphasized
for additional major

KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Marketability in the 21st century is the name of the game when considering manufacturing information management systems (MIMS), a new program offered this semester at Missouri Southern.

Taught by Dr. Moe Eze, associate professor of manufacturing and information management systems, MIMS majors seeking a bachelor's degree in the area first need an associate of science degree in technical studies.

Then the majors develop strong backgrounds in accounting, statistics, economics, and management, moving on to a focus on total quality management, statistical quality control, and operations manage-

ment in the school of business administration.

"MIMS gives students the skills to contribute to many industries," Eze said. "We look at reliable manufacturing, total quality, and the product."

While MIMS is not a new idea, Southern added it to provide a better foundation for people involved in business and technology.

Eze, whose diverse experience as instructor and member of the IBM upper-crust (among many other activities), has a natural proclivity toward production and believes that MIMS is necessary to anyone who wishes to be marketable in business in the upcoming century.

"MIMS is a continuing education class created to prepare people for management positions," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of

technology. "There's a big emphasis on quality, and we're trying to work tightly with industries in the [Joplin] area so we can know what the industries want."

Offering industries what they need is a priority with this program. MIMS functions to better equip the business and technology professional with an established "eye" for the product, personal input, and quality control.

But area industries aren't the only businesses MIMS prepares the students for.

The MIMS program is intended to lead not only in national marketability, but in international involvement as well.

"We are using a blend of systems with many technical and business options that leads to a wide range of career options, not just in the Joplin area, but all over the world," Eze said.

"MIMS is heavily involved in foreign industries," Eze explained.

MIMS may also be the key for people wishing to break into indus-

try and land a promising job. The program tries to place students who don't already have jobs in internships so that they not only make money, but also receive valuable hands-on experience.

"MIMS is designed to make someone a leader," Eze said. "Gone are the days when companies would hire someone for [grade-point average] alone. [Companies] want students who have experience as well."

The upper-division MIMS class is offered to any student with the correct prerequisites, or who already has a two-year degree in technical studies. The class has average enrollment this semester, but it is speculated that enrollment will be higher for next semester's class.

"It is just the first semester that [MIMS] has been offered, but we are fairly pleased with the number involved," Spurlin said.

"When I first came here, I was told [MIMS] had about 50 [students]. But I think that that number is growing," Eze explained.

Both the school of technology and school of business are targeting new students to enroll for the program.

"We want to recruit students from some of the junior colleges around," Spurlin said.

One of the traits of the program is the power of more than one school backing it up. With more support in the MIMS area, participating students are practically guaranteed success, according to Spurlin.

Dr. Alex Vernon, assistant professor of business, has agreed to represent the school of business and be the adviser for business students working toward the MIMS degree.

"This is a cooperative venture with the school of technology and the school of business," said James Gray, dean of the school of business.

"We're very excited about it. Anyone with a two-year degree can leave with a four-year degree and be very marketable," Gray said. □



Jack Spurlin

UMMEL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING



AARON DESLATTIE/The Chart

Heather Lawrence, senior dental hygiene major, checks the mouth of Larry Wheeler in the Ummel Technology Building. Missouri Southern's budget for next year includes funding requests for renovations to improve the current structure.

College requests funds for updates

JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Increased demand for dental hygiene students has prompted Missouri Southern to request funds for the remodeling of the Ummel Technology Building.

A request of \$455,000 for the project was part of the College's fiscal 1999 budget submitted to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Ummel is home to Southern's dental hygiene, computer aided drafting and design, and computer aided manufacturing programs.

Some manufacturing information management systems (MIMS) classes are offered there as well. It was the first technology building built on the present campus.

"I think it is an important renovation," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology. "It [dental hygiene] is a program where there is a great demand for students. We cannot increase the size until we have a bigger clinic."

The two-year program is limited now to 16 students. With the approval of the remodeling proposal, facilities would allow approximately 30 students. Additional faculty members would also be hired.

"Our students have jobs," Spurlin said. "The 16 students we have are snatched up as soon as they graduate."

He said the program has received several requests from Arkansas, Kansas, Springfield, and southwest Missouri for more graduates.

Expanding the size of the dental hygiene clinic will displace the drafting lab. A new lab will be constructed in the old automotive technology area of the building.

The renovation should also allow for two additional lecture classrooms. Currently, eight faculty members shared a single room.

"Having a couple of extra classrooms will really help with the scheduling of classes," Spurlin said.

Ceilings, walls, and air conditioning will all have to be added to the old tech area to renovate it to classroom use.

Donald Schultz, instructor of computer aided manufacturing technology, sees benefits in the remodeling for his program as well.

"It will give us more floor space to spread the equipment," he said. "It will be safer."

If the proposal meets the CBHE's approval, it will be included as part of the Board's budget request recommendation to Gov. Mel Carnahan. If he approves, the proposal will still face the state legislature. If all parties approve, renovations could begin as soon as July 1998.

Spurlin said the proposal has been planned for three or four years. □

COMPUTER EFFECTS

CADD starts graphic design

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Computer-generated animation and digital graphic effects are part of a booming American industry. Missouri Southern's school of technology is responding to this increasing demand by introducing a new graphic design emphasis as part of the associate of science degree program in computer aided drafting and design.

"We have worked in hand with the school of arts and sciences and combined in courses, five in art and five in technology, to create this new emphasis on graphic design that falls under the existing two-year degree in computer aided drafting and design," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology. "It is an opportunity for students that are more 'creative' and more interested in computers."

"If you have seen *Jurassic Park*, *Star Wars*, or *Spawn*, you have seen computer animation. It is the ability to bring life from unanimated images," said Jeff Hagerman, sophomore CADD and CAMT major. "You can make many things with it; you can take ideas and put them on the computer instead of manual drafting, and make it come alive."

"You can insert your own stuff on a videotape; for example, take a scene from *Star Wars* and add your own animated characters," Hagerman said.

Besides movies, this technology is widely used to render scenes from car, airplane, or ship accidents, Hagerman said, and also to recreate crime scenes.

It is also used for Internet applications and commercially for everything from designing of car and airplane prototypes to M&M commercials.

"We will hopefully work with the police and help them recreate car accidents where you can actually see the accident on the screen, sort of like the computer-animated images of the crash of Princess Diana," Hagerman explained. "You will be able to see the stress forces and create or recreate just about everything."

Hagerman has been studying CADD for three years now.

"I started with Autocad Release 11 and now we work on Release 14. It's very high-tech. Other software we use is for example 3D StudioMax, which costs about \$4,000."

"There is a big demand for it," he said. "Walt Disney Studios are hiring people to teach animation for \$75,000 a year."

The school of technology has been fortunate to be on the cutting edge of computer hardware and software, Spurlin said.

"We have the fastest computer network and the latest Pentium computers," he said.

The new emphasis gives Southern students an internationally recognized two-year degree, Spurlin said, that can be used alone or to continue in a four-year program.

For more information, students may call the school of technology at 625-9328 or visit Room 112 in the Ummel Technology Building. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Program teaches more understanding of others

Building a more compassionate perception of others through education and experiences is the goal of Central Missouri State University's Valuing Differences, Discovering Common Ground program, according to Stephen Ciafullo, program director.

Seeds for the program were sown in 1992 as a proactive avenue for dialog among diverse students who were stunned and frustrated about the verdict in the Rodney King case. In the aftermath of local disputes in response to the trial, Ciafullo proposed a course to tackle the issues of prejudice, misconceptions, and racism.

The Valuing Differences, Discovering Common Ground course is designed to teach students the skills to discover their own potential for compassion and respectful communication in a diverse community. Through an interactive- and discussion-driven format, students are encouraged to talk to each other openly and honestly, and learn to take risks in their interpersonal relationships.

Among the activities suggested to the students is to assess their own tendencies to categorize or stereotype based on a first impression. Students are asked to monitor their own behavior as they pass others on campus. Ciafullo said many are shocked at how immediate and with such surety they sum up a stranger. Students who take the class also get the opportunity to evaluate how many times those assessments are wrong and reactionary to ill-informed perceptions. □

State awards funds for MAP regional project

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has awarded \$114,950 to two Southwest Missouri State University administrators to help fund the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Regional Project.

Dr. David Hough, director of the Regional Professional Development Center, and MAP Coordinator Jans Loge received the funding to train regional teachers on performance assessment in the classroom in preparation for the Missouri Assessment Test.

Currently, more than 460 teachers representing more than 260 school districts are participating in the program. This is the fourth consecutive year that SMSU has received the grant. □

Ceremony dedicates renovated planetarium

Missouri Western State College has dedicated a planetarium and a student health center in recent ceremonies.

The newly renovated Bushman Planetarium was dedicated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bushman on Sept. 15. The renovation included new seating, surface for the projection dome, carpeting, cove lighting, and a Spitz projector. Fewer than 200 similar facilities exist in the world.

The Esry Student Health Center was dedicated Sept. 23 to honor Dr. Cordelia Esry, former chairperson of nursing, who retired in 1996 after 21 years of teaching at Western. During her tenure, she oversaw the transition of the nursing department to a four-year program offering a bachelor of science degree in nursing. □

Village People perform at Southeast Missouri

The Village People, a six-man vocal group featuring 1970s music, will perform Oct. 4 at Southeast Missouri State University.

The performance at Houch Stadium will follow the Southeast football game against Eastern Illinois State University. Price of admission is included with a ticket to the game for \$13. □

TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

Franklin Tech, Southern collaborate on course offerings

MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

A new degree is being offered for the first time by the Missouri Southern and Franklin Technical School partnership. The collaboration between the two schools allows students from Franklin Technical School to use the facilities at Southern and classes here on campus.

According to Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the

school of technology and coordinator of the partnership, the program is working well.

"We have a one-plus-one degree, which is where Franklin offers the first year and Southern the second," he said. "There are currently 15 students enrolled in the respiratory program."

There are another 24 students enrolled in the dual-credit drafting class offered at Franklin Technical School.

Also in the process is changing degree

emphasis for the first-year students.

"A process of offering a brand-new degree option is being articulated," Spurlin said. "The class is one that involves graphics design."

He said the schools of arts and sciences and technology are getting together to form a new emphasis in graphics design.

Stephanie Budding, medical assistant major, enjoys the opportunity to further her education by taking this dual credit program.

"The program works very well for me and allows me to get more out of my classes because the facilities at Franklin Tech are small," she said.

Spurlin also mentioned that Southern and Franklin Technical School still would like to add more programs to the list of respiratory therapy and drafting to course offerings.

He said it would offer a broader spectrum of opportunities that students can choose from. □

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Today 26

Student Organizational Annual Reports due in BSC by 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 27

11 a.m.—
Volleyball Lady Lions at Central Missouri State University
3 p.m.—
Soccer Lions vs. University of Central Arkansas
7 p.m.—
Football Lions vs. PSU, Hughes Stadium; alumni tailgate party before game, parking lot.

Sunday 28

7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement
•Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 29

Intramural Wallyball signups begin, through Oct. 8
5:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Student Coalition Against Child Abuse Club, BSC, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

Tuesday 30

Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313
12:15 p.m.—
Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Heames Hall, Room 211
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church
•International Film "Man of Marble" (Polish, 1977), Matthews Auditorium

Wednesday 1

Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
•Sigma Tau Delta meeting, Heames Hall, seminar room
4:30 p.m.—
Soccer Lions at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa
6-7:30 p.m.—
Career Development Day Networking Reception, BSC
7 p.m.—
Volleyball Lady Lions vs. PSU, Young Gymnasium
9 p.m.—
Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship

Thursday 2

Career Development Day, BSC, 3rd floor
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:20 p.m.—
Model UN meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223
2 p.m.—
National Broadcasting Society, Webster Hall, MSTV Studio
6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
•Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

Attention:

Do you have a campus organization announcement? If so, call 625-9311.

CAREER SERVICES

Event offers networking opportunities

Local professionals to present students with career options

By MARILYN TAFT
STAFF WRITER

The Career Development Day at Missouri Southern is not another job fair. As a matter of fact, it's not a job fair at all.

Career Development Day is where a concentrated group of professionals are willing to answer

student questions about career choices and all the possibilities thereof.

"The emphasis is on [student] development," said Jennifer Yazell, director of career services. "It's just as much an opportunity for freshmen and sophomores as it is juniors and seniors."

Job fairs, on the other hand, link employers who have current job openings with people actively seeking employment.

A preliminary to the Career Development Day is a networking reception at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Billingsly Student Center. The

reception, sponsored by the school of business, is designed for students to mingle with area employers in a social setting.

"We have a lot of employers who come just to sit around and talk to students," Yazell said.

The students are encouraged to wear professional attire. Food and drinks will be available.

Career Development Day begins at 9 a.m. Thursday in the BSC.

Not only will there be employers with booths set up, but hour-long blocks called "Career Break-out Sessions" are also available. These sessions consist of panels of pro-

fessionals currently working in their chosen field who answer questions about their profession. Careers from many fields will be represented, from criminal law to theatre.

"We have one [session] that's really geared toward teaching theatre at the college or high school level and also performing as actors," said Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre. "Careers in Technical Theatre is geared to anybody who wants to work as a costume designer, scene designer, set designer, or light designer."

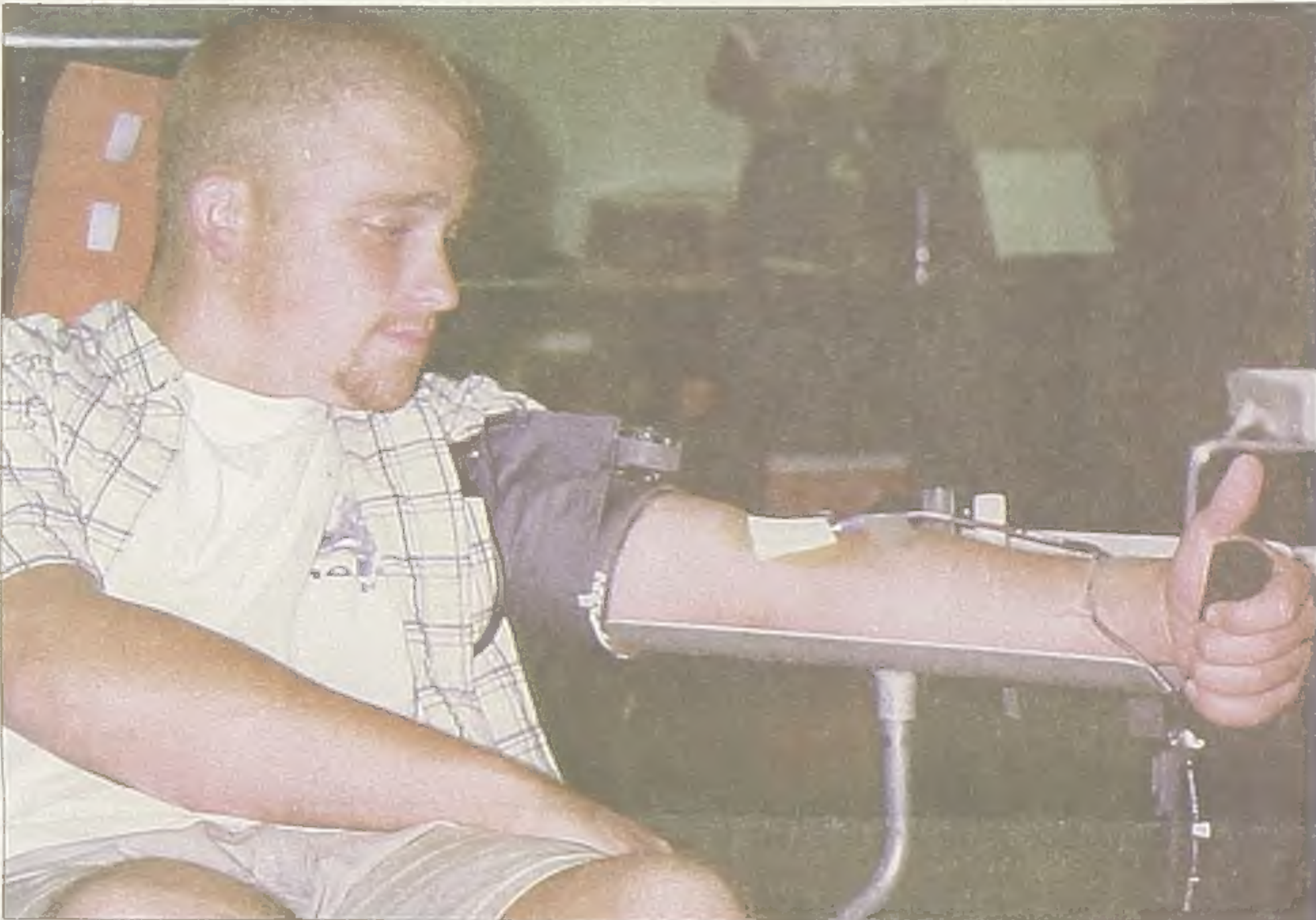
The "Showcase of Majors" is

hosted by all the departments at Missouri Southern. It will give students a chance to learn about the majors offered on campus.

Upon arrival at Development Day, students pick up a bright yellow card telling the times and room numbers for different happenings. There also includes helpful information such as suggested questions during the "Career Break-out Sessions" and a career portfolio checklist.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to do some exploration," said Yazell.

ARE WE DONE YET?



TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

James Godfrey, sophomore kinesiology major, donated blood Monday during a blood drive sponsored by the Student Nurses' Association. The group exceeded its goal, collecting more than 100 pints of blood to be given to the American Red Cross. The event will be repeated next semester to benefit the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks. Donors received a free T-shirt and a chance to win \$100.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Food extravaganza to feature cultural cuisine

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

If the food court at Northpark Mall seems strangely deserted next Friday, it may be due in part to some competition just a few blocks away. Missouri Southern's International Food Feast is back, and promises to be better than ever.

This semester's feast will be held again at Forest Park Baptist Church, Seventh and Range Line, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3.

"The popularity of the food feast last semester really took us by surprise," said Tatiana Karmanova, adviser to the International Club, which organizes the feast. "There were over 200 people there; a lot more than we expected. So this time, we'll be making a lot more food."

"It's a fund-raiser for us, certainly, but it also provides a community service. It's an opportunity for food and ethnic exposure that would not normally be available in the Joplin area," she said.

Another upgrade from the last food feast will be international cookbooks featuring the 20 to 25 recipes available at the event.

"Although the cookbooks won't be printed by the night of the feast, we should have at least one sample cookbook, and we'll be taking orders," Karmanova said.

"Last year, we cooked non-stop from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. It was really crazy," said Elena Popova, a junior economics and finance major.

"We kept making food and making food, and people kept coming in and eating it all," said Nastia Bokova, a junior economics and finance major. "But it was fun,

because that's what we were there for."

Kevin Mitchell, freshman international studies major, says as soon as he heard about the International Club, he wanted to join.

"Coming from Cartersville, I'm not exactly an international student, but I'd like to be a student of international culture," Mitchell said. "I'd like to teach English in Japan when I graduate, and this will really help me get ready for the changes in culture."

The foods featured at the feast will be prepared by international students from authentic recipes, many using ingredients brought from their countries of origin.

All funds raised from the feast will be used for activities of the International Club, including a possible "field trip" to Chicago or Dallas.

"It's good for the international students to go to some of the bigger U.S. cities," Karmanova said, "because Joplin is a good town but not representative of all of the different cultures found in this country."

Last year the club traveled to St. Louis, visiting the Arch and the Museum of Westward Expansion, as well as various ethnic restaurants.

"It was a good experience for us, especially learning about the history of this part of America," Karmanova said.

Tickets for the feast are available now in the International Language Resource Center, Webster Hall Room 343, at \$3 for students or children under 12 and \$7 for adults. For more information or to order tickets, persons may call Karmanova at 625-3109.

CAMPUS SPORTS

Intramurals draw players interested in lighter side of athletics

Fall sports include golf, sand volleyball, tennis

By BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

In college, the only students who are able to participate in athletics are those on the college's teams. Right? Wrong.

Missouri Southern has intramurals, both during the fall and spring semesters. Cindy Wolfe, intramurals director, believes more should take advantage of this.

"It's for everybody," she says. "This includes faculty, staff, athletes, and non-athletes."

Some of the fall sports include golf, ten-

nis, sand volleyball, and flag football. Soccer was added this year, but not enough people signed up to make a go of it. Wolfe says the fall sports haven't taken off too well yet.

"I got into this just because I'm a big kid," she says with a smile. "I like to play and I like to see other people having fun playing."

"That's what it's all about — having good clean fun."

Neely Burkhart, senior biology major, has used up her eligibility to play for Southern's volleyball team.

"I got the chance to play intramural volleyball last year after the season was over," she said. "It's a good opportunity to just go out and play with your friends. There's no pressure."

Krissy Richman, freshman elementary

education major, plays sand volleyball.

"I think it's a good way to meet people," she says. "If someone really wants to play a sport and they just need a little more work to get on a collegiate team, intramurals is a good way to let them feel like they can play sports and be a part of a team."

Roger Marrs, junior biology major, has played flag football every year.

"Over the past four years, there are several teams we play every year and there's become a rivalry," he said. "I just feel like I'm having a good time. It's a good way to stay in shape and keep your competitive edge."

Wolfe, who expects more people to turn out for intramurals, has a few words of encouragement.

"Come out and play!"

Upcoming intramural events

4/4 WALLYBALL
sign-up Sept. 29-Oct. 8
LADDER RACQUETBALL
sign-up Aug. 23-Oct. 17
VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
sign-up Oct. 27-Nov. 12
SCHICK 3/3 BASKETBALL
sign-up Nov. 18-Dec. 5

KINESIOLOGY

Olympia will share expertise

By SUSIE FRISBIE
STAFF WRITER

Though sports such as basketball, volleyball, and soccer may get big in the Joplin area, this year another sport will make a splash.

On Saturday, Missouri Southern will welcome Mary Phyllis Dwight, former U.S. Olympic team member and handball player, to Young Gymnasium. Dwight, also the co-author of the book *Team Handball: Success*, will teach a handball clinic from 9 a.m. until noon.

The event, sponsored by the Kinesiology Club, is free to the public.

"The clinic will provide an opportunity for area teachers and candidates in our own department to learn the sport in an open setting," said Sheri Beeler, director of kinesiology and club sports.

Students think Dwight's appearance at Southern will do much to promote the sport of handball in the area.

"Her appearance will add credibility to the sport," said Dowler, senior health promotion and wellness major and Kinesiology Club member. "The clinic will provide an overview of the sport to an area that is not familiar with it."

The clinic provides a chance for the Kinesiology Club to gain experience for the Kinesiology Club.

"We are trying to do something other than have meetings to conventions in order to get people involved," Beeler said.

Beeler speculates the clinic will draw anywhere from 25 to 50 participants. She believes these participants will enjoy the direct experience of the sport.

"Handball is neat because it combines several different sports: soccer, basketball, hockey, water polo," Beeler said.

Having an Olympic athlete on campus is a big deal, but Dowler believes the event will have a light tone.

"We are going to go out and have a lot of fun working out," she said.

Radio poll finds Joplin lacking diversity

KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Radio stations around the Joplin area are somewhat limited in their selection of music, or at least that is what about 10 percent of Missouri Southern students think, according to a poll conducted last week.

A recent copy of the Arbitron, a ratings guide, shows that in the college-age demography of Joplin listeners in the Joplin area, KSYN 92.5 FM leads the other stations.

In the average quarter-hour, KSYN has about 35,300 people lis-

tening," said Chuck Dunaway, general manager of KSYN.

According to the Arbitron ratings, country music station KIXQ (KDX) 94 FM is the No. 1 radio station in the 12 and older demography for this area, with a 15.7 share of the audience. No. two is KSYN, a top 40 station, with a 14.7 share. Classic rock station KXDG 97.9 FM is No. 3 with a 10.5 share. The No. 4 position is a tie between KMXL and oldies music station KMOQ with a 5.2 share. The top three stations are all owned by Four States Radio.

A share is the percentage of people, in a particular age group and

area, listening to the station at any given quarter-hour period, between 6 a.m. and midnight, Monday through Sunday.

The poll, taken at Southern because it involved a smaller demography, showed different results.

At the College, KSYN was the most popular radio station among 36 percent of those polled.

Most people said they liked KSYN's contemporary hits format.

"I listen to KSYN because all my friends listen to it and that is what I'm used to," said Stacy Stiles, freshman undecided major. "I like the music."

KAT, 102.5 FM, came in second with 14 percent, and Big Dog, 97.9 FM, was No. 3 with 13 percent of the audience.

"I like 97.9, because I like older stuff," said Nikki Riddle, freshman dental hygiene major. "I like stuff from the 70s like Lynyrd Skynyrd."

In fourth place was the Christian music station KOBC with 4 percent. KIX, No. 1 in the Arbitron, scored only 2 percent of the Southern poll results.

At the College, the poll showed something the Arbitron did not. Of the 100 students surveyed, 23 percent did not listen to the radio.

"I don't like any of them," said

Danell Watson, sophomore business major. "I think they need a little more variety. I'm more of an R&B person."

"It doesn't seem like there are any alternative stations," said Shiloh Cooper, freshman undecided major. "Not the real heavy rock, but some of the newer stuff. Tool, and stuff like that."

Dunaway said his station has the variety students are looking for.

"At KSYN, our demographic is 18-34; that's who we're trying to get to listen to us," Dunaway said. "We play rock, dance music, and we play some alternative. We play the hits." □

CAMPUS PERFORMANCE

Faculty recital features guest

EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

The upcoming Missouri Southern faculty voice recital has a surprise or two in store for its audience.

There will be a really funny and interesting surprise," said Carol Cook, vocal instructor. "A surprise guest artist will also be featured."

The idea of having a recital is not to regurgitate all these things that you're supposed to do. The idea is to be entertainment, to do a show. It could be entertaining, interesting, and fun."

Cook said she always does a recital with a theme in mind. "They always have a real reason," she

recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall Auditorium will be done to a theme on "last things," which has having the last word and the fall being the phase of the year.

Cook will perform the last four songs of Richard Strauss titled "Vier Letzte Lieder."

These are extremely beautiful," she said. "They are a special poignancy because they were the things he wrote."

Many composers' last songs have this element. Either or not they know they are dying, you can say."

The effect is that they do often have a 'specialness' about them. Even though they have done many compositions, those will stand out maybe because of their understanding of what life is and what music is, and that's where you get into the importance of it."

Cook has worked as a voice instructor at Southern for five years.

He's a really good teacher," said Jeremy Vabb, junior music education major. "She takes work seriously, and I think she really enjoys it."

Cook, also a violinist, has played in the Springfield Symphony for 11 years and the Northeast Kansas Symphony. She has been a member of The Little Balkan Chamber Players since 1981, where she sings and plays violin. She is also a choir director at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. She also owns and works at two full-line music stores in Kansas.

Cook's career has primarily been in singing in musical theatre and opera, both in Europe and here," Cook said.

Cook spent a year in Vienna and Graz, Austria, singing in concerts and recitals. She also studied piano and "lieder," a German word for song, from her teachers at the Vienna Conservatory. She has performed for both Maestros Mario Salermo and Daniel Nedomansky.

Cook will be accompanied at the upcoming recital by pianist Henry Jones, cellist Bill Elliott, music instructors at Southern, and violinist Duffy. □

MOVIE REVIEW

'The Game' features Fincher's directorial supremacy

IN YOUR EYE

ARON DESLATTÉ
CLIMATE EDITOR

Taunted by critics as the heir to the thrones of James Cameron and Martin Scorsese, David Fincher first began to gain notoriety in Hollywood after his directorial debut, *Alien 3*. There Fincher scored points with actors and alike for his creativity on the movie set.

Fincher exploded on the entertainment scene with his second project, *Seven*. And with his latest, *The Game*, Fincher seems prepared to claim his place among the greats of the industry. But before asking Scorsese for the crown, Dave might want to look into a director's seat that's already empty — Alfred Hitchcock's.

From the onset, Fincher exposes his Hitchcock influences in *The Game*.

As the film opens, we get a glimpse into the life of Nicholas Van Orton, your typical divorced, stoic mega-banker with \$600 million in the bank. Van Orton (played by

Michael Douglas) lives an unwavering existence; thus the problem — he's bored. That is, until his brother Conrad (Sean Penn) makes a surprise visit. Conrad enters Nicholas into an entertainment program called Consumer Recreation Service, where participants are subjected to different types of survival scenarios, all for the sake of a thrill. But for Nicholas, the line between fantasy and reality soon becomes blurred.

For viewers, the real game is trying to decide which plot line is real. This film has more turns than the Indianapolis 500. Penn and Douglas turn in plausible performances

with the only knock being on Penn's screen time or lack thereof (he's only in four scenes).

While billed as an action-suspense film, viewers will probably discover a lack of the former and an abundance of the latter. Much like Hitchcock, Fincher relies on excellent screen writing and original cinematography to keep the attention of the viewers as opposed to mind-numbing action scenes.

With *The Game*, Fincher has established himself as a Hollywood force to be reckoned with, proving that *Seven* was not a fluke. □

CULTURAL AWARENESS

“Although it is exercise, it is also very socially rewarding.”



DEBORAH SOLOMON/THE CHART

Rhoda Barringes, left, and N. Ree Simpkins, right, assistant sociology professor, participate in the African Dance class.

Dance class provides enhancement

Continuing education course excites faculty

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

The African Dance class, sponsored by the continuing education office, is a low-impact class that cultivates the rhythm, coordination, and dynamics found in African dance. The primary emphasis is placed on body awareness, controlled relaxation, and integral movement patterns.

Kyla Jones, instructor of the class, said the sessions involve several basic components.

"Acrobatics that involve patterns, lines, and circles is the first thing I do to get the group started," she said. "Next, we have our social rituals, which is basically just the members of the class interacting with each other."

Yoga is also used in the class to center, calm, and to increase flexibility and strength.

Jones said these exercises are always different. She also said the exercises enhance cardiovascular strength, rhythm patterns, flexibility, coordination, and a taste of another culture via music.

Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English, is one of the many enthusiastic students of the class.

"This is the single best dance class I have taken," she said. "It is an extremely good workout, very fast paced. You don't have to have any formal dance training; most do not have."

"The group is very supportive, and it's a very comfortable atmosphere," Dworkin added. "One of my favorite things about the class is the music, which is mostly African. When we have our cool-down period, the music is by Phillip Colass, who is an American classical musician."

Part of the reason for the low number of Missouri Southern student participants is that the class is offered as a continuing education class. People in the surrounding community are also free to

take this non-credit class. The dance class is held in the Student Life Center.

Also excited with the class is Dr. Ree Simpkins, assistant professor of sociology.

"I think it is a wonderful class; it is a great experience for people in the class," she said. "We learn basic steps, speed and rhythm, which originated in Africa, yet it is bigger than that as well because of the teacher's many years of study."

Jones studied extensively in Seattle, Wash., where she had many teachers from different parts of Africa, so her students are exposed to some steps that are blended and unique to the various countries.

"The class is very holistic in the sense that we are getting more than dance, we are getting some yoga stretches at the end and some warm-up stretches at the beginning," Simpkins said.

"Many of us have been dancing with Kyla for two years, so we have formed close friendships that have been strengthened by this activity. Although it is exercise, it is also very socially rewarding." □

Coming Attractions

On Campus



Performances

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Oct. 15-18—Les Liaisons Dangereuses
Dec. 6, 7—The Stolen Prince
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Foreign Films
Sept. 30—Man of Marble
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Oct. 28—The Murderers are Among Us
Nov. 11—Earth

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

Sept. 30—Faculty Voice Recital - Mrs. Cook
Oct. 7—Senior Recital - Joanie Martin, Piano
Oct. 9—Student Recital
Oct. 9—Senior Recital - Keith Talley, Saxophone
Oct. 16—Student Recital
Oct. 23—Faculty Voice Recital - Dr. Smith
Oct. 28—Faculty Violin Recital - Dr. Liu
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Joplin



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Wednesday, October 1, 1997

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This is a good opportunity for you to meet potential employers and practice your networking skills! Professional Dress is recommended.

Thursday, October 2, 1997

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About 100 local and national employers will be visiting our campus to help you learn more about various careers. Approximately fifteen graduate schools will also be here. Don't miss this excellent networking and educational opportunity!

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9:00 a.m. to Noon

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9:00 a.m. to Noon

Learn more about specific career fields of interest to you!

Question and answer sessions with selected employers are designed to help students learn about specific careers and ask questions of professionals who work in those career fields.

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10:00 a.m.	Accounting Public Acct.	Marketing & Management Careers	Careers in Theatre Education & Performance	Environmental Health Careers	Careers in Computer Science
11:00 a.m.	Accounting Industry & Non-Profit	Careers in Human Resources	Careers in Technical Theatre	Criminal Justice Careers	Computer Science & The Job Search

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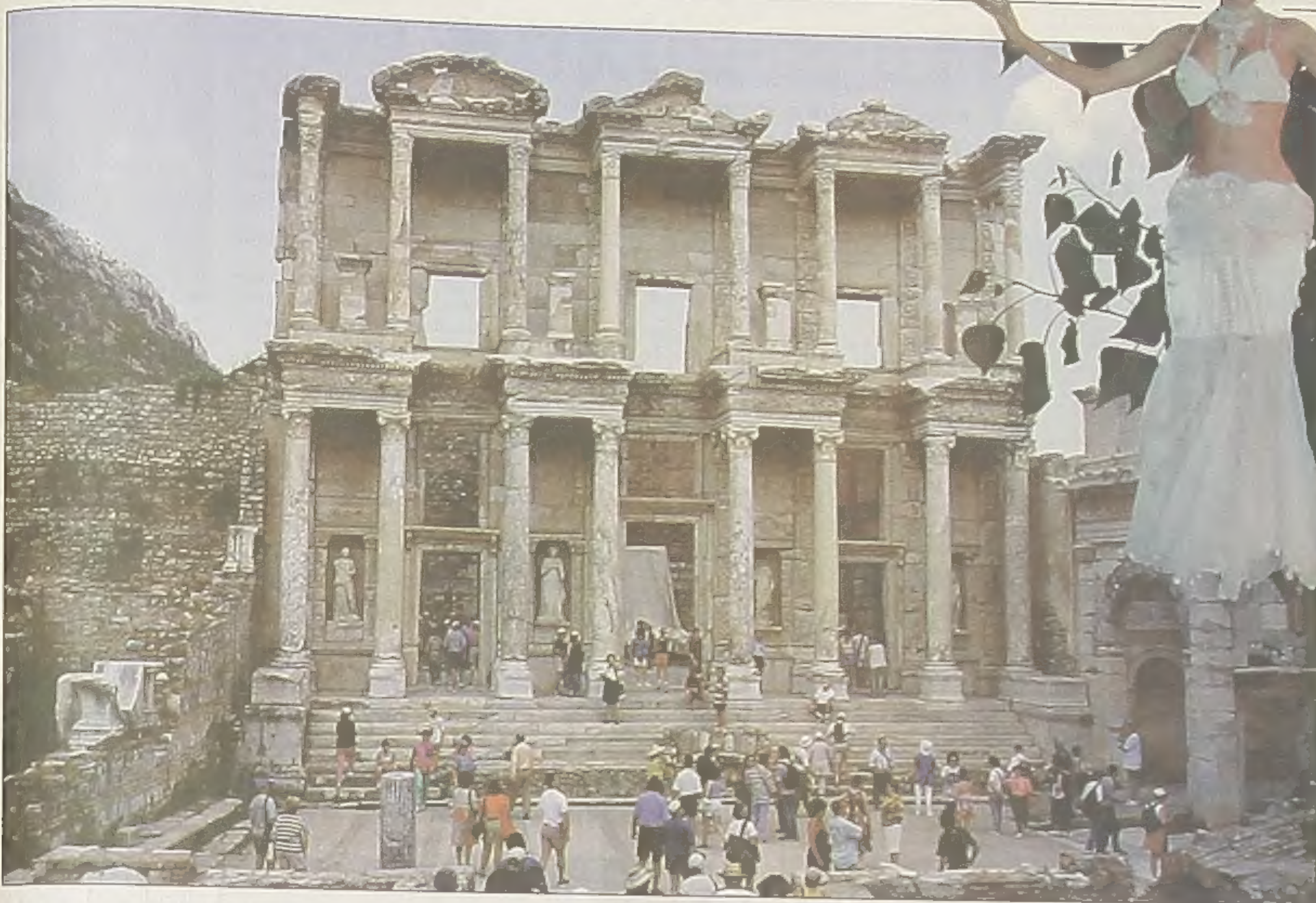
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Career Development Day 1997 will host many of the same great organizations plus many more new ones!!

Call 625-9343 for more details



One of the many sights Missouri Southern math instructor Carolyn Wolfe and her husband visited was the Library of Celsus, which was built in 110 A.D. in Ephesus on Kusadasi.

Cities of great contrasts

Southern mathematics instructor journeys through Mediterranean

Wolfe's Journeys



By CAROLYN WOLFE
INSTRUCTOR OF MATHEMATICS

After 14 hours and four plane changes, my husband, Skip, and I stepped onto European soil for the first time.

Istanbul, Turkey, the capital of three empires, Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman, is a city of great contrasts. The city filled with modern buildings, new cars, and cellular phones is surrounded by a massive brick and stone wall studded with 96 towers more than 1,500 years old. We saw the Blue Mosque, so called because of the blue mosaic of inlaid Iznik tiles, built in 1609, and the Dolmabahce Palace where 14 tons of gold were used for gilded ceilings, door handles, and fixtures. My husband especially liked the belly dancer at the "Palace of Torches."

Our first day there, it was raining and of course I didn't bring an umbrella. As we stepped off the tour bus, a young man was selling umbrellas for 11 million lira. Skip said, "I don't have that much," and pulled out the 1.5 million lira he had. The man said, "That will do," and took all his money. It was a large umbrella that didn't fold up, and it wouldn't fit into my suitcase. I hand carried my 1.5 million lira umbrella all the way through Europe. It didn't rain for the rest of the trip.

I found the Turkish people extremely friendly and good natured. All the shop workers, tour guides, etc. were men. I saw no women working in public except food service.

My favorite stop was Kusadasi, Turkey. We toured Ephesus, the best-preserved ancient city in the world. Once a city of 300,000, it dates back to the 10th century B.C. It contains the ruins of the house where the Virgin Mary lived and died, the tomb of John the Apostle, and the 24,000-seat theater where St. Paul preached the sermon spoken of in the 19th chapter of the book of Acts. In the library of Celsus, 110 A.D., archeologists found 12,000 papyrus scrolls. After seeing these ruins, I realize the United States is just an infant in history.



Carolyn Wolfe and her friend Herman Morris are ready to race around the Olympic stadium where modern Olympics were historically reborn in 1896.

Next on the agenda was Lesbos, the third largest of the Greek Islands and home to 11 million olive trees. In mythology, the sun god Apollo is said to have gifted Lesbos with lyric poetry. Mythology or not, Lesbos is the birthplace of the ancient poetess Sappho and the home of Greece's only living Nobel laureate, Odysseas Elytis.

The largest Island and the most important historically of the 12 islands of the Dodecanese, Rhodes has been inhabited since the stone age. A tour of the Master's Palace was a medieval education. It had a 50-foot-wide moat. Inside the walls were hundreds of perfectly spherical stones about the size of a bowling ball for the catapults. I'm

still contemplating how those stones were shaped so perfectly so long ago.

Santorini is an island encircled by 1,100-foot cliffs that were created by a volcanic eruption more than 3,600 years ago. Akrotiri, an ancient Minoan city on the southern end of the island, was destroyed by the eruption of the volcano Thera in 1522 B.C. Two- and three-story buildings, town squares, shops, and homes were excavated intact, after having been buried beneath lava and ash for centuries. After 30 years of excavation, no human bones have been found. Historians have concluded that there was ample warning of the eruption and people fled to other islands.

Our last stop, Athens. A four-million metropolis has ruins covering more eras in history than most cities of Europe. At the Acropolis, 512 feet above the city, stands the Parthenon, 448 B.C., a sacred temple dedicated to the goddess Athena. The all-marble stadium where the modern Olympics was reborn in 1896 was very impressive.

I was moved by the thought that I may have walked the same streets as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Apostles John and Paul, and even the Virgin Mary.

Would I do it again? In a second!



Missouri Southern math instructor Carolyn Wolfe poses along a porch railing with the Lesbos, Greece landscape in the background.

Photos provided by Carolyn Wolfe

CDC: When all the excitement of lunchtime is over, it's off to sleep for the children at Southern's child development center

From Page 1

"Getting to work with the kids gives you an opportunity you wouldn't otherwise have so you can see what it is really like," said Heather Needham, sophomore elementary education major.

The child development center allows parents rare opportunities as well.

"Parents can use the observation room to come in and peek in on their children," Tankersley said. "Some parents will also come in and have lunch with their kids."

When lunch is over, there is a slight change in pace at the center.

"After lunch the kids go down for naps, so it's a little quieter," Tankersley said.

However, the quiet does not last long.

Soon the children are outside for play time.

The playground offers many different activities for the children. Beside the big wheels and gas pump, the children also enjoy playing on the plastic jungle gym, play houses, in the sandbox, or with each other.

While some of the boys show off their latest karate moves, a girl may be developing her first crush.

Three-year-old Sierra Edwards does her best to get the undivided attention of Eric Russell, a fresh-

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Watching the excitement of the children when they learn or master something new is really gratifying.

Debbie Starks
Child development center teacher

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getting through our line."

The game drew to a close as each student had taken his or her turn, but not before Edwards could chose her teacher, Russell, to come on her team as she broke through his team's line.

The child development center offers children a first chance to socially interact, to express their creativity, and to learn in a productive environment.

The center also provides valuable experiences for the teachers.

"Watching the excitement of the children when they learn or master something new is really gratifying," Starks said.

"Everyday there is something new and challenging." □



Precocious 4-year-old Norman (left) and Cody try their hands at math.

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MUNICIPAL COURT

Peer lawyers to try teenage offenders

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Teenagers in Jasper County will have a fresh way of looking at the law. Beginning Monday, Teen Court will operate in the Joplin Municipal Court House.

Although not a new idea, Teen Court has been documented as early as 1983 in Odessa, Texas. Jasper County's program is based on a program from Greene County (Springfield) in Missouri. Teen Court coordinator Rosemary Bashor said she hoped the new court system would be as effective.

"This gives minor offenders a chance to be tried by their peers," she said. "They have the choice between the court system and Teen Court."

The choice is given to teenagers up to 16 years old who have a misdemeanor charge.

"Anything from shoplifting, property destruction, or minor in possession of alcohol or drugs," Bashor said. "Anything that is a misdemeanor."

Bashor, who is also a deputy juvenile officer, said most who choose Teen Court don't become repeat offenders.

"Part of their debt to society is to serve on jury duty," she said. "There is a balance of four offenders and four volunteers."

The court is presided over by juvenile Judge John Dermott, but everyone else in the courtroom is a teenager, from the court clerk to the attorneys.

On Monday, Sept. 22, a mock trial was held with high school volunteers from across Jasper County. Kanicy Dones, 16, a home-schooled student, said she thought it was a great chance for justice to be served.

"Teens are more willing to receive advice from other teenagers," she said. "I think they will be much more accepting of a decision coming from another teenager rather than an adult because we know where they are coming from."

Dones served as a prosecuting attorney for the mock trial and said the crimes deserved the punishment.

"As a juror, you just have to remember to treat people how you would want to be treated," she said.

Bashor said there was a possibility that jurors may impose harsher sentences than adults would.

"The teenagers know what is going on, and if they think the defendant is lying or may commit the misdemeanor again, they may go a little tough," she said.

"There is a jury consultant that stays with the jurors during deliberation to help with any problems, but if the judge thinks the verdict



In a mock trial held Monday night, a volunteer defendant waits for the court clerk to read his sentence.

isn't appropriate, he can change it."

All offenders must serve jury duty as part of their sentencing as well as community service.

"Some may have to write a letter of apology to a police officer for their behavior or to a store owner," Bashor said. "It makes them face the fact that they have done something wrong."

The attorneys, all teenage volunteers, are scheduled on a docket and get to study the case and visit

with the offender before court begins. Lauren Eaglesfield, 15, Joplin, said Teen Court was a good idea not only for the offenders but for the volunteers as well.

"It was a great educational experience for everyone involved," she said.

If teens who have been through Teen Court commit another misdemeanor, they do not get a second chance. Instead, they go into the court system.

"They only get one chance,"

Bashor said. "But, according to Greene County's records, they only have 5 percent of the offenders return to the system."

Another benefit of Teen Court, according to Bashor, is for the volunteers.

"This is a great educational experience for them," she said. "It also makes them think twice about committing a crime."

Teen Court is held every other Monday night. Six hearings are held each night. □

BALLROOM DANCING

Tanglefooters keep art alive

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Call it Monday Night Fever, but don't expect to hear Disco Duck. A group of local dance enthusiasts, the Tanglefooters Round Dance Club, meets every Monday night to keep the art of ballroom dancing alive.

"Round dancing is ballroom dancing done to calls, such as is done with square dancing," said Dr. Dale Simpson, professor of English at Missouri Southern. "The difference is that you learn all the major ballroom figures — two-step, waltz, foxtrot, rumba, cha-cha, jive or swing — and get to keep the same partner the whole time."

Another difference is dance attire.

"You don't have to wear poofy skirts or bolo ties and big belt buckles in order to participate," Simpson said. "Some people do, because many people who square dance also round dance, but for the most part, the attire is casual."

Simpson and his wife, Leslie, began taking lessons in the fall of 1993 and have been active in the club ever since.

"The group is made up largely of senior citizens, and they are the nicest group of people you will ever meet," he said. "These people have a lot of life left in them. They are exactly what I want to be when I'm that age."

Rusty Kunkler, one of the club's charter members since 1975, said they encourage younger people to join.

"I wouldn't say [round dancing] is a dying art form, but it is slowing down," he said. "My wife and I are in our 70s, and many of the members are our ages. We like to see younger people get involved."

Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at Southern, and her husband, Karl, assistant professor of history, went to their first lesson last week.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. "I think we were probably the youngest people in the room, but every-



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Dr. Dale Simpson and his wife, Leslie, dance Monday evening with other couples in the club. One was so nice and welcoming. We didn't feel out of place."

Schmidt said they want to continue taking lessons. "We learned five or six steps the first night," she said. "Some steps were challenging to pick up, but I think we caught on pretty quickly."

According to Kunkler, previous dance experience is not necessary. Couples usually take from 15-20 lessons before joining the club. The lessons run from 7-8:30 p.m., and club members take the floor after the lesson. The beginners often stay to watch and continue to learn by observation. New classes begin only once a year. This year's class began Sept. 15, but Kunkler said it is not too late for newcomers to join. The first lesson is free; subsequent lessons cost \$5 per couple.

For more information, persons may contact Kunkler at 624-6542 or Simpson at 625-9640. □

COMMUNITY HOUSE

Project links talents to assist neighbors

By LINDA WHITED
STAFF REPORTER

Usually, minor financial setbacks are patched by parents. However, money taps may turn to dry wells for reasons beyond your control. The city of Joplin offers an alternative called the Community House.

"A couple of years ago, the City Council surveyed three neighborhoods to see if there was an economic need. Joplin's tract 101, 108, and 110 needed an extra boost," said Anne Broglio, Community House development specialist.

Resources identified include outreach services, utility assistance, and in-house referrals to health advocacy agencies. The Community House, 225 McKee, coordinates people in need with the agencies prepared to meet their temporary needs, free of charge.

"In addition, Community House needs volunteers," Broglio said.

A new asset mapping survey is aimed to discover the residents' talents. In turn, Community House matches the individual's strengths to offset some of the needs.

"We need volunteers to help with the survey," Broglio said.

The Economic Security Corporation is available to qualified residents.

The project is the brain child of 11-year-old Christina "Tia" Webb, a North Middle School student. She spoke up at a town meeting, voicing her temporary family predicament. Specifically, the family needed a place to do laundry.

"[The Rev.] Bill Christman, First Presbyterian Church, went along with the idea. Tia suggested the neighbors work together to get some of the things we all needed," said Jerry Webb, Tia's father.

The Webbs made volunteering a family affair.

"I am the gardener for the Community Garden. I plant flowers or deliver pamphlets," Webb said. Volunteers may also help the community by helping area children with homework. Several people pick up donations, while others assist the elderly or handicapped.

"Christman got the Housing Authority to donate washing machines and dryers, and our building. The project grew from there," said Webb, a single father of two.

Tia also believes in giving back to her community. "I clean up a lot around the Community House," she said. "I straighten the art room and library. In the summer I used to plant flowers with my dad."

A sister Community House at 2006 Porter serves residents from 26th to 13th Street and Main Street to Maiden Lane.

"This would be a great experience for many different majors," Broglio said. "Any student would find the Community House a rewarding endeavor."

Broglio can be reached at Economic Security Group, 781-0352. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Kiwanis giving away peanuts for charity

The Kiwanis Club of Joplin will be giving away peanuts Friday and Saturday.

Club members and volunteers will become peanut vendors at several Main Street intersections, area Wal-Mart stores, and the Northpark Mall.

The donations they collect will be used to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Halloween Party. For more information, persons may call Tracy Erwin at 624-4150. □

HUD granting \$1million to modernize housing

Seventh District Congressman Roy Blunt has notified housing authorities in Neosho, Noel, Southwest City, and Marionville that grants totaling more than \$1 million had been awarded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Public Housing Modernization grants will be used to make improvements in the four Housing Authority properties.

The Noel Housing Authority will receive the largest award.

The \$509,700 grant from HUD will be used to construct a day-care/Headstart center out of the renovated maintenance building, install playground equipment, and provide new parking.

The grant also allows renovation in the Noel community center that includes air conditioning, new kitchen facilities, fencing, and sidewalks.

In Neosho, the Housing Authority will receive \$430,000 to make interior improvements.

The funds are planned to be used to replace windows, bathroom fixtures, closet doors, and maintenance equipment, plus expand parking.

The Southwest City Housing Authorities will receive \$103,000 to replace guttering, sidewalks, and sewer lines and to re-roof its facilities.

At Marionville, the Housing Authority has \$24,000 to improve fire safety.

The MHA plans to use the money to hardware its smoke detector system and install new fire extinguisher and site lighting. □

Street dance benefits Turnaround Ranch

An old-fashioned street dance is slated for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 to benefit the boys and girls of Turnaround Ranch.

The dance will last until midnight, and will be on Main Street between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Dance lessons will be provided by Tim and Kristie Bell from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Silverado will provide the music. Legends will provide a beer garden, and photography will be available by Strike-A-Pose. □

Soroptimists sponsoring second Baron's Ball

The second annual Cattle Baron's Ball will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at Red Oak II near Carthage.

The old-fashioned barbecue and barn dance is sponsored by Soroptimist International of Joplin and Joplin's Noon Rotary Club.

Food will be catered by the Butcher's Block of Joplin.

Activities will include a cake walk, meadow muffins, and an auction.

The cost is \$20 per person and dress is casual.

Proceeds will benefit Camp Soroptimist and other service projects.

For more information, persons should call 659-9339. □

CONSUMER INFORMATION

Users determine needs when purchasing computers

Consider function, finances, upgrading, when deciding on new, used models

By JEFF BILLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Word processing, games, finances, and the Internet are just a few of the things a person might purchase a computer for.

When it comes to purchasing that

computer, one of the first choices a person has to make is whether to get a new or used model.

Dennis Herr, associate professor of computer information science at Missouri Southern, said a person must know what to look for.

"If you're an informed consumer, even used works," he said. "But you have to be an extremely informed consumer."

Scott Pagel, salesperson at Computer Renaissance, said the average person does not need the latest thing in computers.

"Most people use computers for word processing and games,"

Pagel said. "So you don't need to spend \$2,000 on a computer to do word processing and games on."

Dan Deaver, system consultant for the Computer Patch, said the main reason there are used computers is because people have already outgrown them once.

"The biggest problem with used computers is the fact that they have to be upgraded at some point," Deaver said. "That's mainly why most people got rid of them."

"A used computer is because somebody wants to get rid of it," said Steve Bradfield, salesperson at Sears.

"It's outdated, and they want to move on to something faster."

Herr said the price of a computer is another consideration a person has to make when deciding on one.

"Depends on your resources," he said.

"You've got to know what the fair market value is."

Pagel said an affordable price is a reason people go with used computers.

"If you want to run Microsoft Works for Windows 3.1, why would you pay \$2,000 for a computer?" Pagel asked.

Bradfield said he does not see

any price justification in getting an older system instead of a new one.

"Quite a bit of price difference depends on whether it's an older system — 486, or something like that, as compared to a Pentium," Bradfield said. "I don't think there is enough price difference to justify going with a slower system because your imagination is the limit."

Herr gave this advice on what to do when thinking about getting a used computer.

"You might be better just watching the ads on the bulletin board or the Big Nickel," he said. □

Sports
SCOPE

Let's make
this a game
to remember

Finally I am able to flex my editorial muscle and garner the most coveted sports column slot on the schedule.

It's the day before "Miner's Bowl X double I." That's right, the 12th annual meeting of the



J.L. Griffin
Editor-in-Chief

Missouri Southern Lions and the Pittsburg State University Gorillas. Fred G. Hughes Stadium will be rockin', but alas I am afraid it will once again be the visiting side that will be doing most of the hootin' and hollerin'.

Unless, of course, the Lions of 1997 become one of the very few teams in sporting lore to pull off a major upset.

A win against PSU would require Southern to change its name to the Mets.

Come on, let's be realistic: Southern can't beat PSU 364 days out of the year. However, there are 365 days in a year, and on that day they can beat PSU.

I'm proud to be a Lions' fan. I'm proud to be on the side of the underdog. Geez, it must get pretty boring winning every game like you're supposed to. I'm addicted to that feeling of never knowing which Lion team is going to take the field on Saturday. This Saturday I hope it's the same one that beat Northeastern State University and the one that narrowly lost to Northwest Missouri State University last weekend. That's my team. The scrappers. The humans. The guys who are prone to mistakes. The only team I've ever known not to lay down after getting behind in the score. This team could probably kick PSU's collective ass twice a year, actually.

The smart money's on PSU, but if I had any money I'd place it on the Lions.

Southern can't go into this game looking to outscore the mighty PSU offense. They've got to take it to the offense and the defense like their very being relies on winning this game. I want the scoreboard to read 10-0 Lions at the end, and I want the Freeman Sports Clinic double-wide "OUCH mobile" to be littered with the carcasses of PSU players.

I want the Lions to prove me wrong. I want them to beat the bejeezus out of PSU 364 days after Saturday. I want PSU to refuse to ever play the Lions again. I want the Lions to dismantle the Gorillas so bad that PSU graduates will burn their diplomas in shame. I want to start calling the Lions the Mets.

I want to be able to tell my great-granddads I went to school at Southern when the Gorillas were considered a powerhouse and have them look at me with envy because the Lions now win every game they play.

I want this year to be the last year Southern goes into the Miner's Bowl with the underdog moniker. I want them to kick some Gorillas where they should have had tails.

However, my editorial muscle doesn't flex much weight on the football field. □

FOOTBALL

Lions fall to Bearcats

Fourth quarter surge
not enough for win

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Once again, Missouri Southern was in need of a fourth-quarter surge for a victory.

This time, however, the Lions came up short, falling 31-26 Saturday to the Northwest Missouri Bearcats in the MIAA opener.

In Southern's season opener, quarterback Brad Cornelsen and his crew needed three touchdowns in the final quarter to win 24-16 over Northeastern (Okla.) State University.

Northwest built a 19-point lead early in fourth quarter before the Lions began to gain some momentum of their own.

"We just have to quit putting ourselves in a spot where we need the heroic comeback," head coach Jon

Lantz said. "It's not that we are starting slowly. We took the opening kickoff on a 13-play drive and scored right off the bat. We sagged some in the second and third quarters, but it was an emotional sag. If you watch the game film, you can see our physical effort was there; it was good."

The Lions compiled 387 offensive yards in the game, only two less than the Bearcats. The two teams combined for 776 yards. Southern snapped the ball 21 times, 11 more than Northwest, and held the ball for more than 38 minutes. Lantz said he would usually take those numbers as a sign his team was in a position to win the game.

"One punt, zero turnovers, almost 400 yards in offense; I take those numbers almost any time of the week," Lantz said.

The Bearcats, after scoring approximately 100 points in their previous two games, were held to only four touchdowns.

"That's really a credit to our offen-

"We just have to quit putting ourselves in a position where we need a heroic comeback"

Jon Lantz
Head football
coach

sive unit," Lantz said. "They have a highly explosive offense. It's going to be difficult for any team in our league to hold Northwest under four or five touchdowns a game. The offense really did a good job of staying on the field and not letting them get more time [of possession]." □



Sophomore wide receiver Tyson Sims heads down the field during Saturday's 26-31 loss to the Bearcats in the MIAA opener.

CROSS COUNTRY

"She not only broke the record, she shattered it."



As the race gets under way at the Jock's Nitch Missouri Southern Stampede Southern runner Jon Wilks (49) pulls up in the pack among Division I athletes. Wilks, who placed 12th in the meet, was the first from Division II to finish, coming in ahead of last seasons D-II national champion Alexin Alexandr from Central Missouri State.

Stampede success for Southern

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Saturday's Jock's Nitch Missouri Southern Stampede offered strong competition for both the men and women and an opportunity for some record-breaking times.

Junior runner Sonia Blacketer had a time of 17:14 on the 3.1 mile course, which surpassed the previous Southern record of 17:42.

"She not only broke the record, she shattered it," head women's cross country coach Patty Vavra said. "That's the best time anywhere anytime by any other Missouri Southern lady on a 5K course."

Blacketer, however, was not the only Lady Lion to have an exceptional race.

"We had outstanding race times from No. 1 to No. 7," Vavra said. "In every case we had personal best times."

Blacketer and senior teammate Amanda Harrison have been consistently in the top group of finishers, and Vavra says the rest of the squad has been working on staying closer together.

"Amanda and Sonia just had outstanding races; we just need the rest to work on getting that pack time closer every week," Vavra said.

Filling out that pack are sophomore runners Jill Becker, Shanna Lynch, Jessica Zeidler, and Emily Petty.

"We just take for granted that

Amanda and Sonia are going to have great races, but the sophomores are also becoming more and more consistent," Vavra said.

As for the men, coach Tom Rutledge said an all-star cast showed up for the meet.

"This is probably the best competition we've had in years on the varsity side," he said.

Southern held out well, though, getting closer to the execution of its ideal pack time.

"After John Wilks, our next four runners were within 41 seconds of each other," Rutledge said. "We are still working up to the leader."

Rutledge made mention of Jake Wells and Steve O'Neal as athletes stepping up in the race.

"A sophomore (Wells) and a freshman (O'Neal) are starting to make a mark, and if they can continue to leap frog we'll be doing well," he said.

The Southern men are predicted to finish fifth among the seven teams in the conference, but Rutledge expects better.

"We're better than what people think," he said. "If I can just keep moving the pack up toward Jon Wilks, we'll be doing good."

This week will be an off week for both squads, which Rutledge thinks is good timing.

"They've got to use this as a good work week and correct some of the mistakes we're continuing to make," he said.

Oct. 4 will be Southern's next meet. Both teams will be running at Northwest Missouri State University



Junior Lady Lion cross country standout Sonia Blacketer broke the all-time Missouri Southern 5K record at Saturday's home meet.

FEATURE



Sophomores making an impact for the Lady Lion cross country squad this season are (from top to bottom) Shanna Lynch, Jill Becker, and Jessica Zeidler.

Young athletes
fill essential roles

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It is often difficult for underclassmen to make a name for themselves in varsity athletics, but this season's women's cross country squad relies heavily on the performances of four sophomores.

Jill Becker, Shanna Lynch, Emily Petty, and Jessica Zeidler are the team's No. 3, 4, 5, and 6 runners (not always in order) and are all kinesiology majors with the exception of Petty, who is majoring in English. Head coach Patty Vavra says the group plays a vital role in keeping team spirit high.

"It's going to be a plus for us that they can push each other, and we are just going to keep trying to get the best out of our No. 2, who is Amanda [Harrison]," she said. "I think as the season goes on we'll see that happen from them."

"They're pushing each other every day in practice, they know that right now the job for them is to get to our front runners."

The schedule of a runner can be difficult at times, but the four said the pace is worth the reward.

"I like running cross country because it's not a sport one can do," Becker said.

"I think it teaches us discipline because you can't quit," Lynch added. "It's discipline to get up and do it every day."

A close relationship with other runners is also important in keeping it together for the sophomores.

"I really like the team part of running," Zeidler said. "It's a big team, so usually those are some of your closest friends."

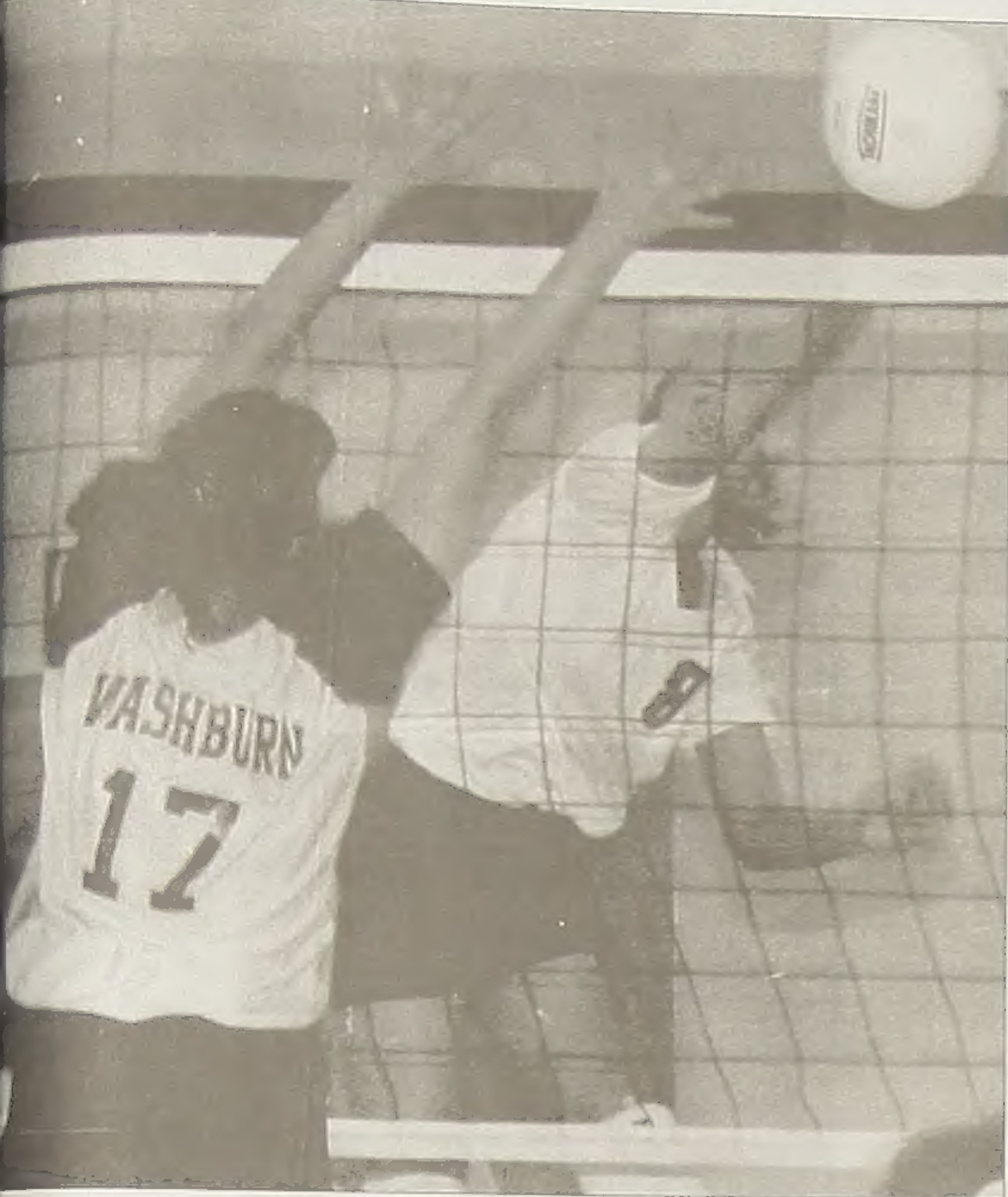
"I agree with the team part of it," Petty said. "I was in high school that didn't have a track or cross country, so this is my first time in a long time to have a team that means a lot to me."

The group says their friends who are not on the team question why runners feel the need to run.

"When you stop running, you feel like something is missing," Lynch said. "Then after you get out and exercise goes away."

All four say they hope to finish school still producing the squad and keeping strong academics together while practicing and racing. □

VOLLEYBALL



Senior middle hitter Kristen Harris (8) goes up for the kill against Washburn University senior outside hitter Robin Rusk in Friday evening's game. The Lady Lions were defeated in three sets by Washburn, who now sits atop the conference ranking.

DCCCR

Lady Lions drop weekend match

Washburn, Emporia State
take home volleyball

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Home court advantage did the Missouri Southern volleyball team no justice last weekend as it dropped matches to both Washburn and Emporia State University.

Friday night's match put the Lady Lions up against a Washburn team that was 10-4 overall (2-0 MIAA). Washburn used an unfamiliar style of play to hand Southern its first conference defeat of the season.

"Most teams are power-oriented," said Debbie Traywick, Lady Lion head coach. "The style that they play is very rare, but it seems to be very effective for them."

The 15-13, 15-2, 15-10 loss dropped the Lady Lions' record to 4-4 (2-1 MIAA). Amber Collins had 11 assists, Kristen Harris added 11 kills, and Karla Parks registered three blocks. Sara Winkler led in digs with 13.

"We weren't aggressive enough, and at times it hurt us," Traywick said. "Washburn played a good tip and roll game, rather than a power game like we're used to, and that definitely took us out of our rhythm."

Not even a day after the Washburn match, the Lady Lions were back on the court to play Emporia State, 5-7 (2-1 MIAA).

Although some players raised their games to a higher level, the Lady Lions suffered their second conference loss so far this season, 15-3, 11-15, 15-6, and 15-12.

"We didn't pass the ball well, and that put a lot of pressure on our freshman setter," Traywick said. "We had two or three players play well. We need everyone to play well on the same day."

Stephanie Gockley and Meredith Hyde had 11 digs and 35 digs, respectively, with 14 kills apiece. Collins had 39 assists and

We need to continue to get better and suffer the growing pains along the way. I think it is more mental than anything.

Debbie Traywick
Volleyball head coach

Harris, Parks, Gockley, and Hyde all had two blocks.

"I thought Meredith Hyde and Stephanie Bunger did a nice job," Traywick said, "and Stephanie Gockley picked up her game."

Bunger, a freshman from Webb City, has played most in the place of Winkler, who has been aggravated by an injury.

Traywick said even though they had so many matches in such a short period of time, physical fatigue did not become a factor.

"We have only played nine matches this year," she said. "That isn't very many because we have a young team. We need to continue to get better and suffer the growing pains along the way. I think it is more mental than anything."

Southern travels to Warrensburg Saturday to face Central Missouri State University, ranked fifth in the nation. Contrary to what the Lady Lions saw against Washburn, CMSU will play a power game.

"They are big and they will hit the ball at us hard," Traywick said. "That's what we like. I am pleased with the way we've practiced this week, and we would like to go up there and have a good showing." □

Soccer team rebounds with defense to capture important game

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

After losing Sept. 17 to Bartlesville Wesleyan and Sunday to the University of Missouri-Rolla, the soccer Lions rebounded on Tuesday to win a big MIAA game against the

Southwest Baptist University Bearcats 5-0. The difference between the three games was defense, according to coach Jim Cook.

"Defensively, we gave the other team a cushion so we could react better," he said. "Last week we were playing too tight and giving up too many one on ones."

The Lion offense was sparked by goals

by Matt Penner and Bryon Brust.

"Josh Yarnell crossed the ball over and Penner had a lough angle and hammered it in," he said. "After that goal we exploded and played tremendously better."

One of the things the Lion offense improved on was ball movement.

"We moved the ball from left to right,

which confused the defense," Cook said.

The win was also significant considering the SBU field was in bad shape.

"We showed a lot of talent on a wet and muddy field," Cook said.

In the rout of the Bearcats, the Lions also got a chance to display the skills of their back-up players.

"We played 27 different players, so everyone got a chance to play, and it was a big turn-around from last week," Cook said.

Up next for the Lions is the University of Central Arkansas at 3 p.m. Saturday.

"Central Arkansas is always real aggressive, and to win we have to play our tempo," Cook said. □

Scoreboard

Where to Catch the Lions and Lady Lions:

Chartnet...www.mssc.edu/pages/chhome.htm

Missouri Southern Sports Network...107.1 FM (Joplin)

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Football

MIAA Standings

(Conf, overall)
Northwest Missouri
Pittsburg State
Central Missouri
Washburn
Truman State
Emporia State
Missouri Western
Missouri Southern
Missouri-Rolla
Southwest Baptist

Southern Statistics

vs. Northwest Missouri State
Penner, Brad, 27-16-0, 169 yds.
Hyde, Mac, 43 yds
Winkler, 38 yds
Bunger, Tony, 25 yds
Winkler, 188 yds
Hyde, Mac, 50 yds
Winkler, 21 yds
Bunger, Bobby, 12 yds
Winkler, 41 yds
Winkler, 38 yds
Winkler, 27 yds
Winkler, 189 yds

This week

Friday

Volleyball at Central Missouri State University, 1 a.m.

Lions Week 2

vs. Northwest Missouri State
Bearcats 31
Scoring:
1st
Lions: Hocker 22 pass from Cornelsen, run failed, 8:12, 6-0
Bearcats: Evans 10 run, Purnell kick, 5:07, 9-7
2nd
Bearcats: Inzerillo 18 pass from Greisen, Purnell kick, 4:08, 6-14
3rd
Bearcats: Lane 54 pass from Greisen, Purnell kick, 14:04, 6-21
Lions: Cornelsen 3 run, Cornelsen pass failed, 9:44, 12-21
Bearcats: Purnell 38 field goal, 7:25, 12-24
4th
Bearcats: Inzerillo 15 pass from Greisen, Purnell kick, 13:44, 12-31
Lions: Cornelsen 13 run, C. Lewis kick, 10:34, 19-31
Lions: Cornelsen 8 yd run, C. Lewis kick, 8:19, 26-31

Soccer

MIAA Standings

(conf., overall)
1. Missouri-Rolla
2. Missouri Southern
3. Truman State
4. Southwest Baptist
5. Lincoln

Football Lions vs. Pittsburg State University, 7 p.m.

Soccer Lions vs. University of Central Arkansas, 3 p.m.

Volleyball

MIAA Standings

(Conf, overall)
1. Washburn
2. Central Missouri
3. Emporia State
4. Missouri Western
5. Truman State
6. Missouri Southern
7. Pittsburg State
8. Northwest Missouri
9. Southwest Baptist

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Cross Country

Lion Times

1. Jon Wilks, 25:02
2. Jake Wells, 26:44
3. Steve O'Neal, 27:00
4. Dusty Franks, 27:22
5. Jay Kocks, 27:27
6. Jared Leo, 28:45
7. Scott Anglin, 29:02

Lady Lion Times

1. Sonia Blacketer, 17:14
2. Amanda Harrison, 17:52
3. Jill Becker, 19:22
4. Shanna Lynch, 19:25
5. Jessica Zeltner, 20:15
6. Emily Petty, 21:17

Wednesday

Volleyball Lady Lions vs. Pittsburg State University, 7 p.m.

Soccer Lions at Oral Roberts University,

Friday

Volleyball Lions at Northwest Missouri State

Soccer Lions vs. Southern Nazarene, 4 p.m.

Next week

Saturday

Soccer Lions at Baker vs. Southern Nazarene,

Volleyball Lions at Missouri Western State College, 11 a.m.

Football Lions at Missouri Western State College, 1:30 p.m.

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Southern's dance card

OFFENSE

WR-Bobby Campbell,
6-2, 177, sophomore
RB-Wallace Clay,
5-9, 198, senior
RB-Tony Colenburg,
5-11, 205, junior

QB-Brad Cornelsen



5-11, 182, sophomore,
Texhoma, Okla.

TE-Brad Hocker, 6-2, 236,
senior
OL-Jason Young, 6-3, 280,
freshmen
OL-Mike Tosaw, 6-2, 295,
sophomore
OL-Andy Saltink, 6-2, 260,
junior
C-Dave Puckett, 6-1, 275,
sophomore
OL-Jason Owen, 6-2, 280,
junior
WR-Carnell Matthews, 6-3,
180, sophomore

DEFENSE

DE-Shad Burns,
6-1, 241, junior
DB-Travis Cagle,
5-11, 185, senior
DL-Dustin Calvin,
6-3, 258, senior

LB-Marque Owens



5-11, 182, sophomore,
Texhoma, Okla.

DE-Marlon Douglas,
6-2, 252, junior
DB-Earnest Hunter,
5-9, 162, junior
DB-A.J. Jones,
5-10, 162, junior
DB-Marcus Kemp,
5-11, 180, junior
DL-Jereko Lovett,
6-3, 235, junior
DL-Adam McKellips,
6-4, 249, junior
DE-Kgorea Willis,
6-4, 258, junior

Miner's Bowl timeline

- PITTSBURG 48 SOUTHERN 7**
Southern musters only nine yards on the ground.
- PITTSBURG 34 SOUTHERN 6**
Two first-half field goals account for Lion scores.
- PITTSBURG 28 SOUTHERN 6**
Lion QB Alan Brown throws for 214 yards.
- PITTSBURG 31 SOUTHERN 3**
Coach Dennis Franchione's last Miner's Bowl win.
- PITTSBURG 39 SOUTHERN 21**
The Lions first touchdown in four years against PSU.
- PITTSBURG 43 SOUTHERN 21**
A pre-game brawl begins annual border battle.
- PITTSBURG 42 SOUTHERN 13**
The Lions eighth straight loss to the Gorillas.
- SOUTHERN 20 PITTSBURG 3**
The Lions hand Pittsburg its first MIAA loss.
- PITTSBURG 24 SOUTHERN 14**
Southern gives up 21 unanswered points.
- PITTSBURG 11 SOUTHERN 14**
The Gorillas escape with a one-point road victory.
- PITTSBURG 21 SOUTHERN 7**
Home win-streak extends to 54 for Pittsburg.

UPCOMING GAME

□ The winner of Saturday night's dance could find themselves in contention for the MIAA crown.

Jungle Boogie XII

Border battle returns home

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

The battle to be king of jungle heats up Saturday night as Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State University meet in the 12th annual Miner's Bowl.

The Lion football squad enters the game against border rival PSU with only one victory in Miner's Bowl history. Overall, the Gorillas hold a 20-8-1 series lead.

Kickoff for the 12th annual Miner's Bowl is set for 7 p.m.

Missouri Southern dealt the Gorillas their first-ever MIAA defeat in 1993. The Gorillas have since lost only one other conference game, 38-28 to Missouri Western last year.

Lion head coach Jon Lantz said the rivalry encompasses not only the teams and fans, but the towns as well.

"The rivalry goes back nearly 100 years to when the two towns were mining communities fighting over who would get the railway systems," Lantz said. "The communities don't get along; they just don't like each other. One word comes to my mind, electric. It's just an electric atmosphere; you can almost feel it buzzing. That's not only from the team, but from the fans."

PSU head coach Chuck Broyles echoed Lantz' thoughts.

"It is a game a lot of fans in both

towns can get into," Broyles said. "The two towns have a natural rivalry and it stretches into whatever they do. This has evolved into one of the premier games in the conference."

Lantz said the Lions will rely heavily upon the leadership of junior quarterback Brad Cornelsen.

"One thing comes to my mind when I think of him," Lantz said. "I don't even know what it means, but he is a whirling dervish. He creates a vacuum when he plays. His teammates get sucked in. He is an easy guy to follow. He is a leader out front; he guides them instead of pushing them."

Broyles said his team will also depend upon its quarterback, junior Zack Siegrist.

"In the type of offense we run, we rely heavily on our quarterback to put us in good position," he said.

Both Lantz and Broyles said a key ingredient for the Gorillas is the winning tradition PSU has established. The Gorillas became the winningest NCAA Division II football program in 1995.

"Our players know how to win," Broyles said. "They work hard in the off-season, they're competitive, and they put a lot of effort into their playing."

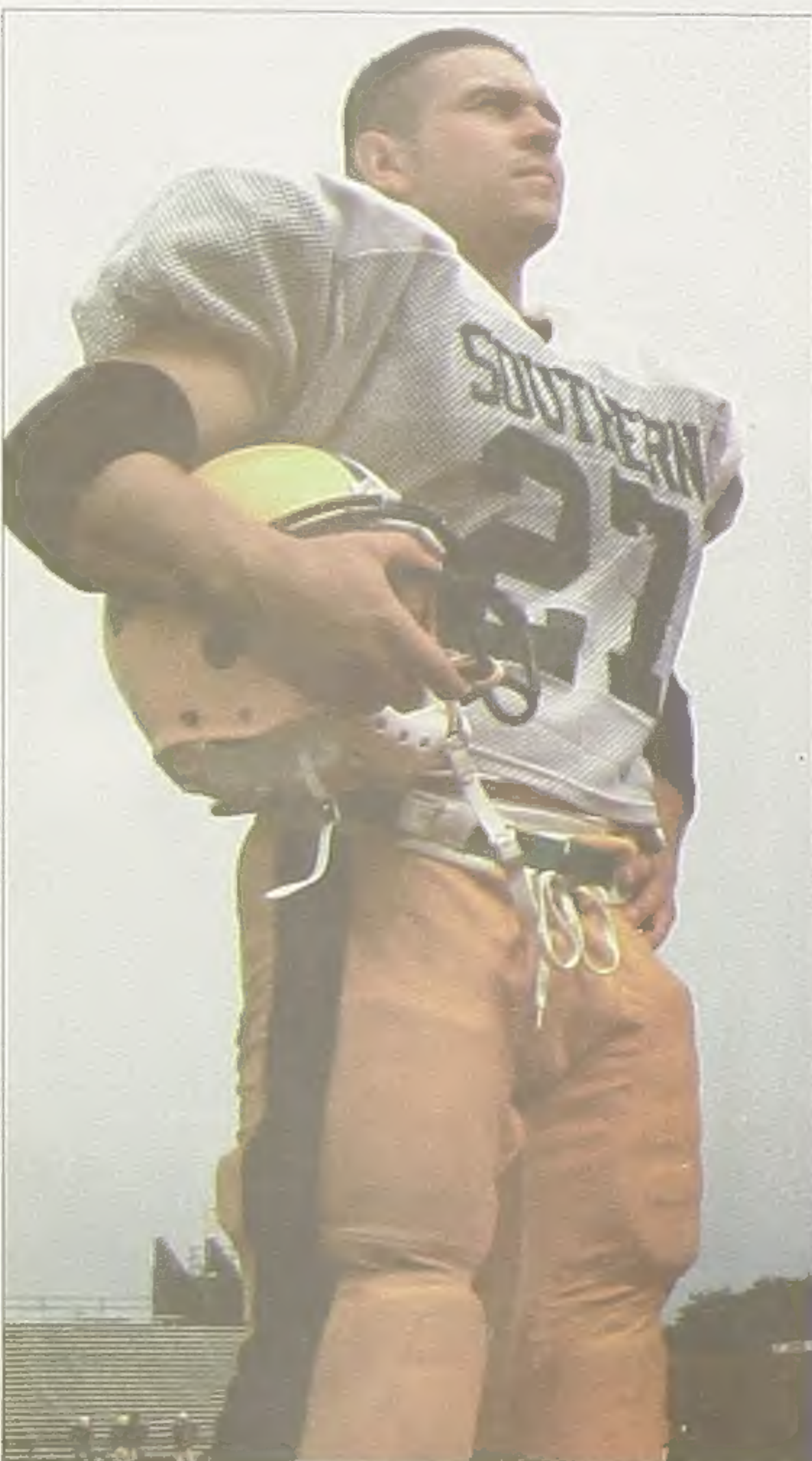
"The biggest thing for them is tradition," Lantz said. "Their team feels an obligation to win, probably even pressure to win." □



(Above) Lion linebacks Zack Siegrist and Marque Owens hilling Pittsburg quarterback Zack Siegrist. (Left) Wallace Clay, Lion running back gets taken down by two Gorilla defenders in last season's Miner's Bowl at Pittsburg.

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Senior Lion running back Justin Taylor has earned accolades for his performance both on and off the field. Taylor currently carries a 3.368 grade-point-average.

Taylor topples two injured linemen route to rejoining team

Lion back receives honors for leadership role on team, accomplishments in class

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It takes a lot of work to battle back from a knee injury. Not only did Lion running back Justin Taylor battle back from a knee injury his freshman year, but he also had to overcome a serious knee surgery from an injury during a football game last season.

"It makes you hungry to play when you're sitting on the sidelines during the game," Taylor said.

"When you're part of a team, you miss it when you're not on the battlefield."

With the knee injury, Taylor realized he was taking many things for granted.

"I had a lot of pain when I would get up to get something to eat," he said. "It gave me great appreciation of my health."

Taylor, a senior environmental health major, is back on the field this season.

He has captured the role as the sparkplug and emotional leader of the team. Taylor accepts this role and enjoys it.

"People look at you for encouragement and to get them going," he said.

Thanks to the Burger King Corporation, Taylor is also a major contributor to Missouri Southern's scholarship coffers. He has been named a 1997 Burger King College Football Scholarship award winner, and the College will receive a \$10,000 donation in his name to its general scholarship fund.

For the third straight year, Burger King is donating \$1 million to general scholarship funds in honor of college football seniors who maintain high academic standards, excel on the field, and are actively involved in the community. Taylor has a 3.368 grade-point average.

For his success on the field, he offers credit to his offensive linemen.

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Justin Taylor
Lion running back

them credit even if they miss a block."

"I try not to be negative."

By staying positive and encouraging his linemen, Taylor knows it will help the team.

"If you encourage your linemen to be being negative toward them, they'll be better for you," he said.

Coming from Miller High School, a ball team, Taylor had to make major adjustments.

"The major adjustment was the physical because you can get by in high school lifting, but you have to lift hard just to be in college football," he said.

The mental part of the game was also an adjustment for Taylor.

"It was a big mental change with the timing of plays and following your assignments," he said.

Taylor was not highly recruited by programs as a high school senior. He earned Southern because of the atmosphere and the attitudes of the coaches, he said. □